

Anno.xviii. Reginae Elizabethæ.

At this present Sessi-

on of Parliament by prorogation holden

at VVestminster the. viii. day of Fe-

bruary, in the. xviii. yeere of the raigne of our

most gracious soueraigne Lady Elizabeth,

by the grace of GOD, of Englande,

Fraunce, and Irelande, Queene,

defender of the fayth. &c.

and there continued

vntyl the.xv.day

of March so-

lowyng.

To the high pleasure of almyghtie

God, and the weale publique


of this Realme, were

enacted as fo-

loweth,

1575.

The Table.

- 1  An Act agaynst the diminishing and empaying of the
Queenes Poisties coigne, and other coignes lawfully
by current within the Realme.
- 2 An Act for confirmation aswell of al graunters made to the
Queenes Poistie, as of letters patentes made by her
Poistie to others.
- 3 An Act for the setting of the poore on worke, and for the
auoyding of idlenesse.
- 4 An Act for the auoyding of fraudes in certayne commyn-
ces & assurances made by the late rebels in the North.
- 5 An Act to redresse disorders in common Informers upon penal lawes.
- 6 An Acte for the mayntenaunce of the Colledges in both the Universities, and also
in Wyndchester and Eaton.
- 7 An Act to take away Clergie from thoffendours in Rape and Burglarie, and
an order for the deliuerie of Clarks conuict without purgation:
- 8 An Act for the appoynting and aucthorisynge of Iustices of Assises in the Shires
of Wales.
- 9 An Act agaynst the transporting of Leather, Tallowe, and rawe Hides out of the
Realme.
- 10 An Act of addition vnto the former Actes for the amending and repayng of high
wayes.
- 11 An Act for the explanation of the Statutes, entituled, agaynst the defraiting of
lapidations, & agaynst Leases to be made of spiritual promotions in some respects.
- 12 An Act for the tryal of Nisi prius in the Countie of Middlesex.
- 13 An Act concernynge offices founde within the Counties Palatines.
- 14 An Act for reformation of Testacles.
- 15 An Act for reformation of abuses in Goldsmithes.
- 16 An Act for the tolleracion of certayne Clothiers in the Counties of Wynter, Som-
merset, and Gloucester, to inhabite out of Townes Corporate.
- 17 An Act for the perpetual mayntenaunce of Rochester hygge.
- 18 An Act for the repayng of Cheshowe hygge.
- 19 An Act for the paupng of the Citie of Chichester.
- 20 An Act for the repayng and amending of the hygges and hygh wayes now
vnto the Citie of Oxforde.
- 21 An Act for the releefe and reedifying of the Borough of new Woodstocke in
the Countie of Oxforde.
- 22 An Act for confirmation of a Subsidie, graunted by the Clergie.
- 23 An Act of two Fyftenes and Tenths, and one Subsidie, graunted by the Com-
monaltie.
- 24 An Act of the Queenes Poisties most free and generall Pardon.

¶ God saue the Queene.

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Chap. i.

An Acte agaynst the dimi- nishing and impayring of the Queenes Ma- iesties coigne, and other coignes law- fully currant within the Realme.

Chap. i.



HEREAS the offences
of clipping, rounding, washing,
and falsing; for wrenched lucre or
gaynes sake; of anye the proper
monies; or coignes of this
Realme, or the dominions there-
of, or of the monies or coignes of
any other Realme, allowed by
proclamation, and suffered to be
currant within this Realme, or
the dominions thereof, by a sta-
tute made in the fifth yere of the

Queenes Maiesties raigne, are taken, deemed, and adjudged to
be treason, and the offenders therein, theyr counsellours, consen-
ters, and ayders, like wylle deemed and adjudged as offenders in
treason, and being thereof lawfully convicted or attainted, accord-
ing to the due order and course of the lawes of this Realme, are
to suffer paynes of death, and to lose and forfeite all his and theyr
goodes and cattels, and also all his and their landes & tenements,
during his and their natural life or lives only, as by the said sta-
tute thereof made among other thinges therein conteyned more
at large it doth and may appeare. Wherby the making of whiche
proclawme and statute, diuers false and euill disposed persons, kno-
wing that the sayde lawe, being as it is, penal, ought to be taken
and expounded stricte, according to the wordes thereof, and the
like offences not by any equitie to rectifie the like punishment and
paynes, have sithen the making of the sayde lawe and statute,
most wickedly deuised and practised for wrenched lucre and gaynes
sake, other aces, by diuer wayes and meanes, to falsifie, impayne, de-
minishe, and lighten, as wel the proper monies and coignes of this
Realme, and the dominions thereof, as also the monies or coignes

of other Realmes, allowed and suffered to be currant within this Realme, and the dominions thereof, by her Maiesties proclamation, to the great damage, losse, hurt, and deceit, aswel of her Maiestie, as of al her faithfull and louing subiectes, and more is lyke hereafter to be practised and doone, yf the same be not speedily met withal. For reformation & remedie wherof, be it enacted, declared, and established by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that yf any person or persons, of what estate, degree, or condition so euer he or they be, shall from and after the fyrst day of April next coming, for wicked lucre or gaines sake, by any art, waies, or meanes whatsoeuer, impayre, diminish, falsifie, shale, or lighten the proper moneyes or coignes of this Realme, or any the dominions thereof, or the moneyes or coignes of any other Realmes, allowed and suffered to be currant at the tyme of the offence committed, within this Realme of England, or any the dominions of the same, by the proclamation of the Queenes maiestie, her heyres or successours, shall be taken, adiudged, and deemed to be treason, and the offendours therein, their counsaillers, consenters, and ayders, shall be likewise deemed and adiudged as offendours in treason, and being therof lawfully convicted or attainted, according to the due order of the lawes of this Realme, shall suffer paines of death, and lose and forsaite all their goodes and cattels to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres and successours, and shall also lose & forsaite to the Queenes highnesse, her heyres and successours, al their landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, during his or their naturall lyfe or liues only.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that this acte, nor any thing therein conteyned, nor any attaindour or attaindours of any person or persons, for any offence or offences made treason by this act, shall in any wyse extend or be iudged, interpreted or expounded, to make any corruptio of blood, to any the heyre or heyres, of any such offendour or offendours, or to make the wyfe of any such offendour, to lose or forsaite her dower or of in any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, or her title, action, or interest to the same, any thing in this acte conteyned, or any attaindour or attaindours hereafter to be had, for any offence or offences made treason by this act, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that yf any of the lords of the Parliament, or peere of this realme, for the tyme being, shall fortune at any time hereafter to be indicted of any offence made treason by this acte, that then they and every of them, shall have his or their triall by their peeres, as hath been used heretofore in cases of high treason.

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An Acte for confyrmation

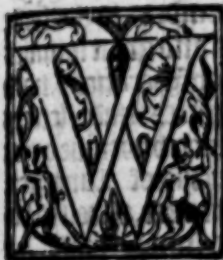
aswel of al grauntes made to the Queenes

Maieltie, as of letters patentes

made by her Maiestie

to others.

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Here sithen the eightieth day of November, in the fyfth yeeere of the Queenes Maiesties raigne, diuers and sundry Honours, Castles, Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, Reuertions, Seruices, and other Hereditamentes, haue ben conueyed and assured to her hyghnesse, her heyres and successours, by and from diuers and sundrye persons, and bo-

dyes politike, as well for the discharge & satisfaction of great debtes and summes of money, as for other good considerations, for the perfect assurance, confyrmation, and further suretie whereof, be enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that all froffamentes, fynes, surrenders, assuraunces, conuepaunces, and estates, in any wyse conueyed, had, or made, or to be had or made, at any tyme during the space of seuen yeeeres next after the ende of this present session of Parliament, to, or for our sayd Soueraigne Ladye the Queenes Maiestie, by or from any person or persons, bodyes politike or corporate, of any Honours, Castles, Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, Reuertions, Seruices, and other Hereditamentes, for any debte, summe, or summes of money, or other consideration whatsoever, shall stande, remayne, and be good and auayleable in the lawe, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, accordyng to the true meanyng, intent, and purport of the same. Saving to all and euery person and persons, and to theyr heyres, bodyes politike and corporate, and to theyr successours, and euery of them, other then such person or persons, and theyr heyres, and wyues, beyng parties or priues to suche conuepaunces or assuraunces, and euery of them, bodyes politike and corporate, and theyr successours, and euery of them, of or from whom the Queenes hyghnesse hath had, obteyned, or purchased, or shall obteyne,

obteyne, or purchase, duryng the space of seven yeeres, anye Honours, Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, Reuertions, Services, or Hereditamentes, by exchange, gift, bargayne, fyne, feoffment, reconerie, deede inrolled, or otherwyle, all suche Ryght, Tytle, Interest, use, Possession, Rentes, Reuertions, Remainders, Offices, fees, Commons, Profites, and Commodities whatsoeuer, which they or any of them haue, myght, or ought to haue had, of, in, or to the premysse, or any parte thereof, in as large and ample maner, fourme, and condition, to all intents, constructions, and purposes, as yf this Acte had neuer been had ne made: this present Acte, or anye thyng therein conteyned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And where our sayde Soueraigne Ladie the Queenes hyghnesse, sythens the sayd eghthienty daye of Nouember, in the fyfthe yere of her Maiesties raigne, aswel for diuers and great summes of money, as also for diuers and sundry other considerations, hath bargayned, solde, geuen, or graunted, by her graces sundry letters patentes, indentures, or other wytynges, sealed vnder the great Seale of Englande, or the Seale of the Duchie of Lancaster, or the Seale of the Countie Palantine of Lancaster, aswell to bodies politike and corporate, as to diuers and sundry other her louyng and obedient subiectes, diuers and sundry Honours, Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, Reuertions, Services, and other Hereditamentes, in fee simple, fee tayle, or for terme of lyfe, lyues, or yeeres, as in the same seuerall letters patentes, indentures, and other wytynges is mentioned and declared.

And to the intent the same letters patentes, indentures, and other wytynges, should be of good, auayleable, and perfect force and effecte, to all and euery her hyghnesse louyng subiectes, according to the true meanyng and effect of the same: be it enacted and established by auctoritie of this present Parliament, that aswell al and singular letters patentes, indentures, and other wytynges, sealed vnder the great Seale of Englande, or vnder the Seale of the Duchie of Lancaster, or the Seale of the Countie Palantine of Lancaster, and heretofore made or graunted by our sayde Soueraigne Ladie the Queene, for any summes of money, or for and vpon anye other considerations, as all other letters patentes hereafter to be made by our sayd Soueraigne Ladie the Queene, for anye summe or summes of money, or other considerations, duryng the sayde space of seven yeeres next ensuyng the making of this Acte, to any body politike or corporate, or to any other person or persons whatsoeuer, of any Honours, Castles, Manours, Lordships, Graunges, Meses, Landes, Tenementes, Weddowes, Pastures,

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Reuerences, Rentes, Reuerfions, Seruices, wooddes, Adoufions, No-
minations, Patronages, Annuities, Rights, Interesses, Entrees;
Conditions, Leetes, Courtes, Liberties, Priviledges, Fraunchi-
fes, or of any other Hereditamentes, with theyr appurtenaunces,
or of anye part or parcell of them, sealed with or vnder the great
Seale of Englande, or vnder the Seale of the Duchie of Lanca-
ster, or the Seale of the Countie Palantine of Lancaster, of what-
soeuer kynde, nature, or qualitie, they or any of them be, or shalbe
reputed, knowne, or taken, with theyr appurtenaunces, or any part
or parcell of them, shalbe good, perfect, and effectuell in the lawe,
and shal stande, be taken, reputed, deemed, and adiudged, good,
perfyte, sure, auayleable, and effectuell in the lawe, agaynst the
Queenes Maiestie, her heyres and successours, according to the te-
nour and effect of the sayd letters patentes, the same to be expoun-
ded, construed, deemed, and iudged, moſte beneficiallye for the pa-
tentres, and grauntees of the same, and theyr assignes, accordyng
hnto the wordes and purport of euery the sayde letters patentes,
without any confirmation, lycence, or tolleracion of the Queene,
her heyres, or successours; any misnanning, miscritall, or non
recitall, of anye the same Honours, Castles, Manours, Landes,
Tenementes, and other the premisses, or of anye parcell thereof, or
anye lacke offyndyng of offices, or inquisitions, of and in the pre-
misses, or any part therof, wherby the tytyle of the Queenes hygh-
nesse therein ought to haue beene founde, before the makinge of the
same letters patentes, or other wrytynges, or anye miscritall, or
non recitall of Leases thereof before made, aswel of recoorde, as not
of recoorde, or any lacke of the certaintie, miscastynge, ratyng, or set-
tyng soorth of the yeerely value and rate of the premisses, or of the
yeerely rentes reserved of and for the premisses, or any parcell ther-
of mentioned or conteyned in anye of the sayde letters patentes, or
other wrytynges, or for that the premisses be, or anye part there-
of is valued to a more or lesse value in the sayde letters patentes
or wrytynges, then the sayde Manours, Landes, Tenementes,
and other the premisses then were, or shalbe in yeerely value, or
any misnaming, or not true naming of the Townes, Hamlettes,
Parishes, or Counties, where the same Honours, Manours,
Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, Hereditamentes, and other the
premisses, and euery parcell thereof, or any parcell thereof, lyen or
been, or any lacke of the true naming of the Landes, Tenementes,
or Hereditamentes, or of the natures, kyndes, sortes, qualities,
or quantities of the sayde possessions or hereditamentes, or any
parcell thereof, or anye lacke of the true naming of the Corpo-
ration, or any lacke of the attornament, liuerie or season, or of
any misnaming of anye the late Tenauntes or farmours of the
same

same Honours, Manours, Landes, Tenementes, and Hereditamentes, or any part thereof, so solde, graunted, or geuen, nor withstanding.

Provided that this Acte, nor anye thing therein conteyned, shall not extend to make any letters patentes of any office or offices, to be of any other effect, force, or strength, then the same letters patentes were, or shoulde haue ben before the making of this Acte.

Provided also, that all and singuler suche patentees, grauntees, and donees, and euery of them, whiche at any tyme heretofore sythen the sayd eyghtieth day of Nouember, haue obteyned and gotten of our sayde soueraigne Ladye the Queene, or at anye time hereafter, during the sayde space of seuen yerres, shall obteyne and geat of our sayde soueraigne Ladye the Queenes Maiestie that nowe is, by way of exchaunge, or for anye summe or summes of money, or other consideracions, any letters patentes of any Manours, Landes, Tenementes, or Hereditamentes whatsoener, whiche at the date and making of anye the sayde letters patentes so made, sythen the sayd eightieth day of Nouember, or hereafter to be made, during the sayde space of seuen peeres, as is aforesayde, were or shalbe at the tyme of the making of suche letters patentes of better and moze peereley value to the Queenes hyghnesse, and so answered in peereley rent and sarne, then was, is, or shalbe conteyned, mentioned, and specified in anye suche letters patentes, or in the particulers or rate thereof, made, or to be made by any Auditour or Auditours, Surueypour or Surueypours, or other officer: That then euerye suche patentee, grauntee, or donee, theyr heires, executors, or assignes, and euery of them, within one peere next after office, or other due pprooffe, order, and decree, thereof made and had, or to be made and had within the space and terme of tenne peeres next after the ende of this present Session of Parliament in the court of Chexcher, shal content and pay vnto the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successours, for the same ouerplus and moze value of the same manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes whatsoeuer, with theyr appurtenaunces, so solde, geuen, graunted, or exchaunged, as is aforesayde, after the rate of threescore peeres purchase, and according to suche peereley value and rate, as the same manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes whatsoeuer, were, and answered at the tyme of the making of anye such letters patents, so made or to be made, in maner and fourme aforesayde: any thyng conteyned in anye suche letters patentes to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

Provided also, that this Acte, or anye prouisso therein conteyned, shall

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shall not in any wise extend to confyrme, ratifie, or make good any lease or leases made or to be made by our sayd Soueraigne Lady the Queene, for terme of life, liues, or for yeeres, wherebpon the olde and accustomed rentes or moze, be not, or hereafter shall not be reserved, and yeerely payable, during the tyme and terme of euery such lease: nor that this present act shall in any wise extend to reuise or make good any letters patentes made of any office or offices to any Controller, Customer, Inieger, Searcher, nor to any letters patentes of the graunt of any other office or offices heretofore graunted or made by the Queenes Maiestie, which now be, or at any time heretofore haue been aduithillated, determined, or made boide, by iudgement, by aucthoritie of parliament, or by decree, nor to any patentes to be made to any person or persons for terme of yeeres, or during the minority of any heyre of any Manours, Landes, or Tenementes, whereof any traaverse hereafter shalbe tendred within thre monethes after any office found and certified into any the Queenes Maiesties courtes of recorde, ne to make any letters patentes made by our sayde Soueraigne Lady, of any office or offices, to be of any other effect, force, or strength, then the same letters patentes were or should haue been before the making of this acte.

Provided also, that this act, or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not extende to any letters patentes, which at any tyme heretofore (when the beginning of the Queenes Maiesties raigne, haue ben, or hereafter shalbe made by the Queenes highnesse, to any person or persons, of any Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, Reuerfions, Seruices, or other Hereditamentes, by force of any information, suite, or suggestion, made, or to be made to her highnesse, that the same Manours, Landes, Tenementes, and other Hereditamentes, so conteyned in any suche letters patentes, were concealed Landes, but that the same letters patentes, and euery of them, shal stande, remayne, and be in the same force, strength, and effect, as they were before the making of this acte: any thyng in this acte mentioned to the contrary, notwithstanding. Saving to al and euery other person or persons, and bodyes politike and corporat, their heyres and successours, and euery of them, al suche Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Estate, Leases, Rentes, Seruices, Commons, and all other profites and commodities whatsoever, as they or any of them shoulde or myght haue had before the letters patentes thereof made, if this acte had neuer ben had ne made: any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And wherby it shalbe manifest, that the same letters patentes, which were made before the making of this acte, shall stande, remayne, and be in the same force, strength, and effect, as they were before the making of this acte: any thyng in this acte mentioned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

An Acte for the setting of the poore on woorke, and for the auoy- ding of idlenesse.

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POR some better explanation, and for some needefull addition to the statute concerning the punishment of vagabondes, and releefe of the poore, made in the Session of Parliament, holden the fouretienth yere of the Queenes Maiesties raigne: Be it ordeyned, declared, and enacted by auctoritie of this present Parliament, in manner and fourne following, that is to say.

First, concerning bastardes, begotten and borne out of lawfull matrimonie (an offence agaynst Gods lawe and mans lawe) the sayd bastardes beyng nowe left to be kept at the charges of the parische where they be borne, to the great burden of the same parische, and in defrauding of the releefe of the impotent and aged true poore of the same parische, and to the euill example and encouragement of lewde life: It is ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that two Iustices of the peace, wherof one to be of the Quorum, in or next vnto the limits where the parische Church is, within which parische such bastarde shalbe borne (vpon examination of the cause and circumstance) shal and may by their discreti- on take order, as wel for the punishment of the mother and reputed father of such bastarde childe, as also for the better releefe of every suche parische in part or in all, and shal and may like wise by like discreti- on, take order for the keeping of every suche bastard childe, by charginge suche mother or reputed father with the payment of money weekly, or other sustentation for the releefe of such childe, in suche wise as they shal thinke meete and conuenient: And after the same order by them subscribed vnder their handes, and the sayde persons, viz. mother or reputed father, vpon notice ther- of shal not for their part obserue and performe the sayde order: that then every such parische so making default, in not performinge of the sayd order, to be committed to warde to the common Bayle, there to remayne without bayle or maynepryse, except hee or shee or they shal put in sufficient suretie to performe the sayde order, or els personally to appeare at the next general Sessions of the peace to

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to be holden in that Countie where suche order shalbe taken, and also to abyde suche order as the sayde Justices of the peace, or the moze part of them then and there shal take in that behalfe (if they then and there shal take any) and that yf at the sayde Sessions the sayd Justices shal take no other order, then to abyde & perfourme the order befoze made, as is abouesayde.

Also concerning Roges, in as much as by the former Acte, they are to be conueyed to the Gaile or prison by the Constable, or other officer, at the charges of the parishes where such Roge is apprehended, for auoyding of great trauaile & charges rysing therby, many are suffered to passe & winked at: Be it ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that from henceforth euery such Roge apprehended, shalbe conueyed by the Constable, or other officers of the parish where suche apprehention shalbe, but to the Constable, Tithingman, or other officer of the next towne, shipp or parish in the next hundred, and so from one hundred to another, by the Constables, Tithingmen, or officers of euery suche towne shipp or parish whiche shalbe next in euery suche hundred, the direct way, vntil they shal come to the Gaile or prison appointed for suche Roges and vagaboundes, and that euery suche Constable, Tithingman, & officer, shal accordingly conuey suche Roge and vagabound, vnder the paynes & penalties by the said former estatute limited, to the Constable, Tithingman, or other officer, in whose parish the such Roge or vagabound shalbe first apprehended.

And as concerning persons inquirable of, as of a Roge in the seconde degree, yf any such person shal after his first conuiction, eyther by curing or alteration of the marke of any such person, or by alteration of name, or denying to be the same person, or by any other wayes or meanes, goe about to auoyde the hauyng of his or theyr further punishment, that the same, or any such other allegation, shalbe considered of, and tried by the Jury, vpon the arraignment, as parcel of their euidence: and as they shal in their consciences finde the proofes, circumstances, and euidences, so to geue their verdict, whiche shalbe a sufficient triall in lawe, without any further certificate or trial of the former record or conuiction, from any other Countie or place, or by any other meane. And moreouer, that yf the Roge in the seconde degree indited, and by confession or verdict afterwarde conuicted, shal afterwarde, a thirde, or fourth, or other time after, be indited and conuicted of rogyng the lyfe: that then suche person the thirde or moze oftentimes indited and conuicted as a Roge, shal suffer to all respects as a felon, without allowance of the benefite of Clergie.

Also to the intent youth may be accustomed and brought bp in labour and worke, and then not like to grow to be idle Roges, and
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to the intent also that such as be already growen by in idlenesse, & so Roges at this present, may not haue any iust excuse, in saying that they can not get any seruice or worke, & then without any fauour or tolleration worthy to be executed, and that other poore & needie persons, being willing to worke, may be set on worke: Be it ordeyned & enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that in euery citie and Towne corporate within this realme, a competent store & stocke of Wool, Hempe, flaxe, Iron, or other stufte, by thappoyntment & order of the Mayor, Bailiffes, Iustices, or other head officers, hauing rule in the said Cities or Townes corporate (of them selues, and all other inhabitantes within theyr seuerall aucthorities, to be taxed, leued, and geathered) shalbe provided. And that lyke wyle in euery other market towne, or other place, within euery Countie of this Realme, where (to the Iustices of peace, or greater part of them, in theyr general sessions yeerely next after Easter, within euery limit shalbe thought meete and conuenient) a like competent store and stocke, of wool, Hempe, flaxe, Iron, or other stufte, as the countrey is most meete for, by appoyntment and order of the said Iustices of peace, or the greater part of them in their general Sessions (of all the inhabitantes within their seuerall aucthorities, to be taxed, leued, and geathered) shalbe provided. The said stores and stockes in such cities and Townes corporate, to be committed to the handes and custodie of such persons, as shal, by the Mayor, Bayliffes, Iustices, or other head officers, hauing aucthoritie in euery suche citie or Towne corporate, be appoynted, and in other Townes and places, to such persons, as to the saide Iustices of the peace, or the greater part of them in their sayde generall Sessions of the peace in their seuerall Counties shalbe by them appoynted. Which sayde persons so appoynted as aforesayde, shal haue power and aucthoritie (by the aduice of them who do appoint them) to dispose, order, and geue rules, for the diuision and maner of working of the sayde stockes and stores, who shal from hencefoorth be called the Collectours and gouernours of the poore, to the intent euery suche poore and needie person, olde or yong, able to do any worke, standing in necessitie of releefe, shall not for want of worke goe abroad epyther begging, or committing pylfrings, or other misdeemeanour, liuing in idlenesse: which Collectours and gouernours of the poore, from tyme to tyme (as cause requirereth) shall and may of the same stocke and store deliuer to such poore and needie person, a competent portion to be wrought into yarne, or other matter, within such tyme and in such sorte, as in their discretions shalbe from tyme to tyme limited and prefixed, and the same after wardes beyng wrought, to be from time to time deliuered to the saide Collectours and gouernours of the poore, for which they shal make payment to them

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Which worke the same according to the desert of the worke, and of newe deliuer more to be wrought : and so from time to time to deliuer stufie bntwought, and receiue the same agayne wrought, as often as cause shal require. Which Hemp, wool, flaxe, or other stufie wrought, from time to time shalbe solde by the saide Collectours & gouernours of the pooze, eyther at some market, or other place, & at suche time as they shal thinke meete, & with the money comming of the sale, to buy more stufie, in such wyse as the stockes or store shal not be decayed in value. And yf hereafter any suche person able to doo any such worke, shal refuse to worke, or shal goe abrode begging, or liue idelly, or taking such worke, shal spyle or imbesell the same, in suche wyse that after monition geuen, the Minister and Churchwardens of the Parithe, and Collectours and gouernours of the pooze, or the more part of them, shal thinke the same person not meete to haue any more worke deliuered out of the same store and stocke : that then vpon certificate thereof made vnder their handes, and brought by one of the sayde Collectours and gouernours of the pooze, to the handes of suche person or persons, as shal in that Countie haue the oversight and gouernment of one of the houses of correction, hereafter mentioned in this acte, in conuenient apparel meete for such a booby to weare, he, she, or they, from suche towne, place, or parithe, shalbe receiued into such house of correction, there to be straightly kept aswell in diet as in worke, and also punished from tyme to tyme, as to the sayde persons, hauing the oversight and gouernment of the saide house of correction shalbe appoynted, as hereafter in this acte is declared : All whiche stockes and stores, shalbe provided and deliuered to the handes of the sayde Collectours and gouernours of the pooze, before the fyrst day of November next comming, and at all tymes hereafter as occasion shal serue, & that every person refusing to pay, or not paying such summe of money towards the sayde stockes and stores, as bypon them or any of them shalbe, by order aforesayde, taxed, and at suche tyme as by the same order shalbe appoynted, shal for every default, forseyte double so muche, as he or they shalbe so taxed vnto.

And moreover, be it ordeyned and enacted, by the auctoritie aforesayde, that within every Countie of this Realme, one, two, or more abiding houses, or places conuenient in some market towne or corporate towne, or other place or places, by purchase, lease, building, or other wyse by thappoyntment and order of the Iustices of peace, or the more part of them in their sayde generall Sessions (of th inhabitantes within their severall auctorities, to be taxed, leuted, and gathered) shalbe provided, and called the house or houses of correction, and also stocke and store, and imple-

mentes to be in like sort also prouided, for setting on worke and punishing, not onely of those whiche by the Collectours and gouernours of the poore, for causes afore sayde to the sayde houses of correction, shalbe brought, but also of such as be, or shalbe inhabiting in no Parithe, or be, or shalbe taken as Roges, or once punished as Roges, and by reason of the vncertaintie of their birth, or of their dwelling by the space of thre yeeres, or for any other cause, ought to be abiding and kept within the same Countie: whiche sayde house or houses of correction, with stockes, stores, and implementes appoynted for suche houses of correction, shalbe prouided in euery Countie, within one yeere next after this present Session of Parliament (yf the same conueniently may be) and yf in the saide tyme the same can not conueniently be, then within suche time as to the Iustices of peace, or the more part of them, in their saide generall Sessions of the peace in euery Countie within their seuerall iurisdiccions, shalbe thought meete and conuenient, so as it exceede not two yeeres after taxation in suche Countie, for that purpose made, or els the money leuied to be repayed, and that euery person refusing to pay, or not paying (suche summe of money, towarde the making, obtaining, and furnishing of the sayd houses of correction, and buying of stockes & stores, and for the releefe and sustentation of suche persons as shalbe appointed to the said houses of correction, vpon them or any of them, shalbe by order aforesaid taxed, and at such time, as by the same order shalbe appointed) shall for euery default forseypte double so much as he or they shalbe so taxed vnto.

And be it also further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the saide Iustices of peace, or the more part of them, in their sayde generall Sessions, in euery Countie, shall and may appoint from time to time, persons which shalbe ouerseers of euery suche house of correction, which sayd persons shalbe called the Censozes and Wardens of the houses of correction, and shall haue the rule, gouernement, and order of suche houses of correction, according to suche orders as by the saide Iustices of peace, or the more part of them, in their generall Sessions in euery Countie, shalbe prescribed. And shall also by lyke auctoritie appoint others, for the gathering of suche money, as shalbe taxed vpon any person or persons within their seuerall iurisdiccions, towarde the mayntenance of the sayde houses of correction, whiche shalbe called the Collectours for the houses of correction. And yf any person or persons, refuse to be Collectour and gouernour of the poore, or Censoz and Warden, or Collectour of or for any the houses of correction, that euery person so refusing, shal forfeite and lose the summe of fyue poundes.

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And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that all and singuler person and persons, appoynted by the aucthoritie of this Act to be any Collectour and gouernour of the pooze, or Censor and Warden, or Collectour for any the houses of correction, in any Countie, Citie, Towne corporate, or other place in this realme, shal as often as they, or any of them shalbe called therto by the persons hauing the appoyntment of them, make a iust accompt of all suche summe or summes of money or other thinges, as they or any of them haue geathered, had, or raysed in comoditie within theyr severall collections or charge, and if any suche Collectour and gouernour of the pooze, Collectour, Censor, or Warden, of, or for the houses of correction, refuse to make suche accompt, or neglect the same by the space of. xiiii. dayes next after request therfore to hym made, or shal not within one weeke after suche accompt rendered, peeble and pay the whole arrerages, which he or they upon suche accompt shalbe founde in, to such person or persons, as they shalbe appoynted vnto, by them before whom theyr sayde accompt shalbe taken: that then the sayde Collectour, gouernour, Censor, or Warden, to be committed to any vsuall Gaile within the sayde Countie, there to remayne without bayle or maineprie, til he haue made his accompt and payment of suche arrerages as he hath retained: Upon the making of whiche accompt, it shall and may be lawfull to suche persons as haue the appoyntment of the sayd Collectours and gouernours of the pooze, Censors, Wardens, and Collectours of the houses of correction, euery of them in their aucthoritie, to allowe aswell suche reasonable allowaunce to euery the sayde Collectours and gouernours of the pooze, Censors, Wardens, and Collectours of the houses of correction, for suche money as they or any of them haue employed or disbursed in the execution of the sayde seuerall offices, as also such reasonable fees and wages for theyr paynes taken in that behalfe, as to them shalbe thought conuenient and reasonable.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that all the forsaytures by force of this Act beyng forsayted by any person or persons, charged with any payment towarde the stocks and stores appoynted for the reliefe of the pooze, shalbe employed in the prouision of the stocks and stores appoynted by this Act, in such place where the money by the non payment whereof the forsaytures byd growe, was payable, and the forsaytures lyke wyse of all persons beyng, or beyng chosen to be Collectours and gouernours of the pooze, to be employed in the prouision of the stocks and stores, wherof they were chosen to be Collectours and gouernours: and all forsaytures by force of this Act beyng forsayted by any person or persons, charged towarde the sustentation of anye

house of correction, and the forsaftures of all persons beyng, or beyng chosen to be Censors, and Wardens, and Collectours of or for any house of correction, shalbe imploied in the mayntenaunce and furtheraunce of the sayde houses of correction. All whiche sayde forsaftures, shalbe leuied by distresse and sale of the goodes of the offendour, as neare as they can, to the value forsafted, by warrant from suche persons, as haue by reason of theyr severall iurisdiccions the nomination of the sayde Collectours, governours, Censors, and Wardens, and the taxation of the sayde persons, whiche shal commit the sayd forsaftures, to any person or persons by them appoynted, to be directed bypon certificate thereof made, and the partie called thereunto.

And because it is to be hoped, that many well disposed persons, vnderstandyng the good successe whiche wyll growe by settynge people on worke, and auoydynge of idlenesse, wyll from tyme to tyme geue to the sustentation and maintenance of the same good purpose and intent. And for theyr better encouragement to the same, be it ordeyned and enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that it shalbe lawfull for euery suche person as shalbe seased of any manours, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes whatsoeuer, in fee simple, in possession, reuersion, or remainder, holden in free soccage of the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres or successours, or of anye other person or persons, or body politique, in his or theyr owne ryght, and to his or theyr owne vse, for and durynge the space of twentie peeres next ensuyng, to make feoffementes, graunties, or any other assuraunces or conueyances, or by last wyll in wytyng, to geue and bequeath in fee simple, all, or any part of the sayde landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, to anye body politique or corporate, and theyr successours, in this Realme, and the dominions of the same, now erected, or hereafter to be erected or founded, or to any other persons, and theyr heyres, to and for the prouision, sustentation, or mayntenaunce of anye of the sayde houses of correction, or abydyng houses, or of any of the sayd stockes and stores, to the vses aforesayd, and none other, without any licence of moztmayne therein to be obteyned, or any writ of *ad quod dampnum* to be sued out for the same, the actes *de terra ad manum morte non ponend.* or any other Acte or statute, lawe, custome, or blage, heretofore had or made to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding. Sauyng to our sayde soueraigne Ladye, her heyres and successours, and to the Lordes of the fee, al theyr rentes and seruices goyng out of the sayde landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, so to be amortized as aforesayde.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that wherecas by the sayde former recited estatute, no payne is limited for

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for any impotent person, whiche hauing a competent allowance provided for him and her, within his parish, shall notwithstanding without licence wander abroad loytering and begging: Be it likewise enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that every such person, shall for his or her such first offence be whipped, and so returned home agayne vnto his, her, or their parish. And if suche person shall then eftsoones offend, being provided for as aforesaide, then to suffer as a Roge in the first degree ought to doo by the sayde former estatute. And if the sayde persons shall then eftsoones offend, then to suffer such paines and forfeitures as a Roge in the seconde degree ought to doo by the same former estatute, and so such further paines & penalties, as by the sayde former estatute to Roges & vagaboundes is limited, which sayd offences shall be tryed, enquired of, heard, & determined, as the lyke offences of other Roges and vagaboundes, by the sayde former estatute are appoynted to be tryed, inquired of, heard, and determined.

Provided alwayes, that this acte, nor any thing herein conteyned, shall extend to make any person or persons accessarie or accessories to any felonie made by this estatute, nor that any attainer by any the said felonies, shall worke or be any corruptiō of blood in the issues or line of the persons attainted.

Provided alwayes and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawfull to the lord Steward of the household of her Maiestie, her heyres, and successours, or to the Commissioners within the verge, to haue, exercise, & vse, all suche auctoritie within the sayde verge, in execution as well of this acte, as of the saide former recited Acte, as any Justice of peace hath, or may haue, vse, or exercise elsewhere within their seuerall Shyres, according to the limitation of the said estatutes: The sayd statutes or any thing therein conteyned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And whereas the sayde former acte is made to endure but for seven yeeres from the making of the saide acte, and from thence vntill the end of the next Parliament then next folowynge, it is now enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that as well the sayde former Acte, as this acte, shall haue continuance from the ende of this present Session of Parliament, vntill the end of seven yeeres then next ensuynge: and from thence vntill the ende of the next Parliament then folowynge.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any Justice of the peace assembled at any of the sayde Sessions next after Easter, shall from thence depart (before conference had, touching the execution of this estatute) he shall for every such offence forfeite, v. li. to be recovered and leuied as a fine vpon embelement and conviction of trespass, and to be employed to the vse

of the prouision and furniture of the house or houses of correction in suche Countie.

Provided also, and for the furtheraunce of the good entencion of this present Acte (in some helpe towarde the charges of prouision and furnishing of the premises) and to the intent one kynde of malefactours in the common wealth, may be reformed at some charges of other offendours: Be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all and singuler penalties and forfeitures, in any wyse limited to growe or come to her Maiestie, for any offence hereafter to be committed agaynst any of those penall statutes, whiche her Maiestie by her proclamation from time to time for that purpose shall limit and appoynt, shall be recovered and leuied as aforesayde, and employed the one moztie to the use of suche person or persons as shall prosecute the same, by action, suite, or information, or by geuing of euidence bypon inditement and traaverse of inditement: and the other moztie to and for the prouision and furnishing of the stockes of money or other stuffe for the poore, and of the house or houses of correction, in such maner and sort, as by the Iustices at the sayde Sessions after Easter next ensuing, after suche recouerie, shall be limited: any former penall statute, prouision, ordinaunce, or other thing to the contrary hereof, in any wyse notwithstanding.

An acte for the auoy-

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and assuraunces made by the late rebels
in the North.

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HERE by a statute made in the Parliament holden at Westminister in the thirtieth yere of the Quenees Maiesties reigne, entituled, An Acte for the confirmacion of the attayndours of Charles Earle of Westmerland, Thomas Earle of Northumberland & others, the sayd two Earles, and diuers other persons named in the sayd act, stand & be lawfully attainted of high treason for their wicked & detestable treasons committed agaynst the Quenees most excellent Maiestie, in & late by naturall rebellion in the North partes of this Realme, as by the same act, also by diuers other Records of their severall attayndours,

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doore, more plainly it dooth and may appere. By force of which Acte of Parliament, and other Records of the sayde seuerall attaindours, the Queenes highnesse is, and ought to be entituled, to haue all the landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, whiche they the saide persons attaynted, or any of them hadde the day of their seuerall treasons committed, and all suche estates and interestes therein, as they or any of them myght lawfully forsayte, by reason of their said seuerall attayndours, & at this present her Maiestie and her assignes doo holde and enioy, in possession, reuertion, and remaynder, the same landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, so forsayted by force of the sayde seuerall attayndours; but yet neuerthelesse it hath been and is very muche bruted and published abroad, and by sundry persons pretended, that diuers and many of the said rebelles and persons attaynted, named and mentioned in the saide acte, and other Records of their saide seuerall attayndours, after they had intended and purposed to enter into that their vngodly and diuillish practise of rebellion, by make diuers secrete and fraudulent estates and conueyaunces of their landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, to the intent thereby to defraude the Queenes Maiestie of suche forsayture of their landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, as her highnesse by reason of their seuerall Treasons shoulde be entituled to haue.

And forasmuche as the saide pretended fraudulent estates and conueyaunces are yet kept secrete, and not openly published, and in time to come may be very daungerous, and likely to tende to disinherite the Queenes Maiestie and her assignes of their estate and interest in suche landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, as her Maiestie and her assignes now haue, by reason of the sayde attayndours, vnlesse some prouision be made, that suche secrete estates, conueyaunces, and assuraunces, may in due and convenient tyme be openly published and brought to lyght. For remedie whereof, be it enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that every person and persons, their heires or assignes, whiche haue, hath, or claymeth to haue, any estate of inheritance, lease, or rent, not alreadie entred of recorde, or certified in the Queenes Maiesties court of Exchequer, or in, or to any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, by any graunt, assuraunces, or conueyaunces whatsoeuer, had, made, or done, by any of the sayd rebelles and persons attaynted, named in the saide Acte or statute, or in any of the Records of their seuerall attayndours, at any tyme within two yeeres next before the vii. day of November, in the xi. yeere of the Queenes Maiesties raigne, shall within the space of one yeere next ensuing the first day of Maye
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next comming, openly shew and bring forth, or cause to be shewed and brought forth into the Queenes Maiesties sayd Court of Exchequer, the same his or their graunt, conueyaunce, and assurance, which he or they haue, or hath, or pretendeth to haue, of, in, or to any the sayde manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes: and there in the Tearme time, shal offer and exhibite the same graunt, conueyaunce, and assurance, to be entred and inrolled of Recorde, or els euery suche graunt, conueyaunce, and assurance, so had and made by any of the sayde rebels and persons attaynted, befoze in the sayde acte of confirmation, and other the Recordes of their attaindours severally named, & not so brought into the sayde Court of Exchequer, and there exhibited within the yeere aforesayde, shalbe utterly voyde and of none effect, to all intents and purposes: any thyng in the same conueyaunce contened to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the Tresourer, Chauncellour, and Barons of the sayde court of the Exchequer, or any of them, vpon euery suche offering, and exhibiting of any suche graunt, conueyaunce, or assurance hereafter in fourme aforesayde to be made, shal forthwith cause the same offer to be entred of Recorde, and shal like wyse cause the sayde conueyaunce and assurance in the same court to be entred and inrolled of Recorde, without any fee or rewarde to be taken or had of the partie for the doing thereof: and after suche offer made and recorded, it shal and may be lawfull for euery person whiche hereafter shal so exhibite and offer any such graunt, conueyaunce, and assurance into the sayde court of the Exchequer, at his libertie and pleasure at all tymes within one yeere then next folowynge, to produce and bring such testimonie, proofes, & witnesses into the sayde court of Exchequer, there to be examined, as he can, for the better prooffe of his sayd graunt and assurance to be made bona fide, and without any fraude or couine. And yet neuerthelesse, yf at any time after, vpon any information vpon that case, or other information to be preferred and exhibited into the sayde court of the Exchequer, for and on the behalfe of our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queene, or vpon any action vpon that case or sute to be prosecuted by any the patentees of the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, or successours: or by any & heyres or assignes of any of the same patentees, it shal happen to be sufficiently tryed and prooued, by verdict of xii. men, according to the common course of the lawes of this Realme, that any of the sayd estates, assurances, and conueyaunces made by any of the sayd Rebelles and persons attaynted, was made vpon any fraude or couine, to the intent thereby to defraude the Queenes Maiestie of such forfayture, as myght haue growen

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or cummen to her byghnes by reason of any the sayd attaindours: that then every such estate, conueyaunce, & assurance, so tryed and sufficiently proued as aforesayd, to be had and made by and vpon suche fraude or couine, shalbe viterly voyde and of none effect, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, vntyll suche tyme as suche trespall by verdict shalbe lawfully vndone by attaynt or otherwise: any thyng in the sayd conueyaunces to the contrary therof in any wyse, notwithstanding.

It is provided alwayes, and be it enacted by theauctoritie aforesaid, that this Acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shal not in any wyse extend to any bargayne and sale by dede indented and inrolled, of any landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, made vpon good and true considerations, without fraude or couine, by any of the sayde persons so attaynted, at any tyme before the day of his or their sayde seuerall Treasons committed, wherof they stand now attaynted: but that every suche bargayne and sale shal stand, and be in as good force and effect, as the same was or were before the making of this Acte: any thyng herein conteyned to the contrary thereof in any wyse, notwithstanding.

And sauynge to all and every person and persons, and bodies politique and corporate, their heyres and successours, & to the heyres and successours of every of them, other then such persons and their heyres, as be or haue been parties or priuie to any estates or conueyaunces made by fraude or couine, as is aforesayde, and other then suche as shal not exhibite, offer, and shewe shortly theyr sayde grauntes, conueyaunces, and assurances in the saide court of the Exchequer, within the tyme to them before in this Act limited, all suche estate, ryght, title, and interest, as they or any of them haue, of, in, or to any of the sayde manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, or any parcel thereof, in as large and ample maner and fourme, to all intentes and purposes, as they or any of them had before the making of this Acte: any thing in this Act conteyned to the contrary therof, notwithstanding.

It is provided alwayes, that this Acte or any thyng therein conteyned, shal not extend to any lease of landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, most commonly vsed to be letten to ferme for yeeres or lynes, within the space of twentie yeeres before the making of the same lease, and not exceeding the terme of .xxi. yeeres, or three lynes, from the tyme of the making of the sayde lease, and wherupon the vsuall accustomed yearly rent or more is reserved, nor to any estate by copy, of any landes, or tenementes, made accordyng to the custome of any manour, wherof the same is parcell.

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An act to redresse disorders in common Informers vpon penall lawes.

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Of redressing of diuers disorders in common Informers, and for better execution of penal lawes: be it enacted, that euery Informer vpon any penall statute, shall exhibite his sute in proper person, and pursue the same onely by him self, or by his attorney in court; and that none shalbe admitted or receiued to pursue agaynst any person or persons vpon any penall statute, but by way of information, or original action; and not other wyse, nor shall haue ne vse anye deputie or deputies at all; and that vpon euery suche information whiche shalbe exhibited, a speciall note be made of the very day, moneth, and yeere of the exhibiting thereof into any office, or to any officer, whiche lawfully may receiue the same, without any manner of antedate thereof to be made, and that the same information be accompted and taken to be of recorde from that tyme forward, and not before.

And be it lyke wyse enacted for the consideration aforesayde, that no processe be sued out vpon anye suche information, buttill the information be exhibited in souerne aforesayde, and that vpon euery suche processe, shalbe indorsed as well the parties name that pursueth the same processe, as also the statute vpon whiche the information in that behalfe made, is grounded. And that euery Clerke making out processe contrary to the tenor and promission of this Acte, shall forsayte and lose fourtie shillinges for euery suche offence, the one halfe to be to the Queenes Maiestie, her heires, and successours, and the other halfe to the partie agaynst whom anye suche defectiue processe shalbe awarded, to be recovered in any court of recorde by action of debt or information, in whiche, no essoine, protection, injunction, or wager of law, shalbe permitted or allowed.

And be it further enacted, that no Iurie shalbe compelled to appeare in any of the Queenes Maiesties courtes at Westmynster, for the tryall of any issue in anye such sute vpon any penal law, for any offence committed, aboue .xxx. miles from the cite of Westmynster, except in case where the attorney generall for the tyme being,

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being, for some reasonable cause in that behalfe to be shewed, shall require the same to be tryed at the barre, in any of the Courtes of the Queenes Maestie, her heyres or successors, at westminster aforesayde: which request shall be noted on the backside of the writ of distringas thereupon awarded, to the ende the Sherriffe or his Bailiffe may and shall signifie the same to the Iurie that are in suche case impanelled.

And be it further enacted, that no such Informer or plaintife, shall or may compound or agree with any person or persons, that shall offend, or shall be surmised to offend agaynst any penall statute, for suche offence committed, or pretended to be committed, but after answer made in court vnto the information or sute in that behalfe exhibited or prosecuted, nor after answer, but by the order or consent of the court in which the same Information or sute shall be depending, vpon the paines and penalties hereafter in this present acte set downe and declared. And that yf any such Informer or plaintife as aforesayde, shall willingly delay his sute, or shall discontinue, or be non sute in the same, or shall haue the tryall or matter past agaynst him therein by verdict or iudgement of lawe: that then in every such case the same Informer or plaintife, shall peelde, satisfie, and pay vnto the partie defendaunt, his costes, charges, and damages, to be assigned by the court in which the same sute shall be attempted: for the recouerie and execution whereof, every such defendaunt, shall immediately vpon the same costes, charges, and damages assigned, haue his capias ad satisfaciendum. fier. faci. or elegit, to be awarded vnto him out of the same court in which the same shall be so assigned, as is aforesayde, as in other causes of execution.

And be it also enacted, that yf any person or persons (except the Clarke of the Court onely, so: making out of procelle otherwys then is aboue appoynted) shall offend in suing out of procelle, making of composition, or other misdemeanour, contrary to the true intent and meanyng of this statute, or shall by colour or pretence of procelle, or without procelle, vpon colour or pretence of any matter of offence agaynst any penall lawe, make any composition, or take any money, rewarde, or promise of rewarde for him selfe, or to the vse of any other, without order or consent of some of her Maesties courtes at westminster: that then he or they so offending, being therof lawfully convicted, shall stand on a pillorie in some market Towne next adioynning, where the same offence shall be committed, in the open market tyme, and there remaine by the space of two houres, & shall from and after such convictiō, for ever be disabled to pursue, or be plaintife, or informer in any sute or information vpon any statute populer or penall: and shall also for every
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suche offence forfeite and lose tenne poundes of lawfull Englishe money, the one halfe thereof to the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successours, and the other halfe to the partie greued thereby, to be recovered in any Court of recorde, by action of debt, or information, in which no essoine, protection, intinccion, or wager of lawe, shalbe permitted or allowed. And that Justices of Oyer and Terminer, Justices of Assise in their circuittes, and Justices of peace in their quarter Sessions, shall haue full power and auctoritie, to heare and determine all offences to be committed or done contrary to the true intent and meaning of this present acte.

Provided alwayes, and neuerthelesse be it enacted, that it shall and may be lawfull to and for any person or persons greued by meanes of any maner of maintenance, champertie, buying of titles, or imbracerie, to pursue hypon any the statutes provided and set forth agaynst maintenance, champertie, buying of titles, or imbracerie, as he or they might haue doone before the making of this acte: any thing in this acte conteyned to the contrary in any wyse, notwithstanding.

Provided also, that this acte shall not extende to any sute already depending, nor shall restraine any certayne person, body politike or corporate, to whom or to whose vse any forfeiture, penaltie, or sute, is or shalbe specially limited or graunted by vertue of any statute, and not generally to any person that will sue, but that every suche certayne person, body politike or corporate, which myght sue or infortune, as if this acte were not made, may in suche case, sue, infortune, and pursue, as he or they might haue doone, if this acte were neuer had nor made.

And provided also, that neither this acte, nor any thing therein conteyned, shall in any wyse extend to any suche officer of recorde, as haue in respect of their offices heretofore lawfully bled to exhibite informations, or sue hypon penal lawes, nor to any officers infortuneing or pursuing for matters onely concerning his or their offices, but that they, and every of them, may infortune and pursue in that behalfe, as they myght haue doone before the making of this acte: any thing in this acte conteyned to the contrary in any wyse, notwithstanding.

This acte to take force and effect from the feast of Easter next comming, and from thenceforth to endure vnto the ende of the first Session of the next Parliament.

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An acte for the maintenance of the Colledges in both the Vniuersities, and also in VVinchester and Eaton.

Chapter. vi.

FOR the better maintenance of learning, & the better reliefe of Schollars in þe vniuersities of Cambridge and Oxforde, & the Colledges of Winchester & Eaton, be it enacted by the Queenes Maiestie, the Lordes spiritual and temporal, & the commons in this present Parliament assembled, & by the auctoritie of the same, that no Master, Prouost, President, Warden, Deane, Gouernour, Rector, or cheefe ruler of any Colledge, Cathedral Church, Hall, or house of learning, in any of þe vniuersities aforesayd, nor no Prouost, Warden, or other head officer of the sayde Colledges of Winchester or Eaton, nor the corporation of any of the same, by what tittle, stile, or name so euer they now be, shall, or may be called, after the ende of this present Session of Parliament, shall make any lease for lyfe, lyues, or yeeres, of any farme, or any their lands, tenements, or other hereditamentes, to the whiche any cythes, certable land, meddowe, or pasture, doth or shall apparteine, except that the one thirde part at the least of the olde rent be reserved and payde in coine, for the sayde Colledges, Cathedral Church, Halls, and houses, that is to say, in good wheate after. vi. s. viii. d. the quarter or bnder, and good malte after. b. s. the quarter or bnder, to be deliuered yearly bypon dayes presyred at the sayde Colledges, Cathedral Church, Halls, or houses, and for default thereof, to pay to the sayde Colledges, Cathedral Church, Halls, or houses, in redy money, at the electiō of þe sayd lessees, their executors, administrators, and assignes, after the rate, as the best wheate and malte in the market of Cambridge, for the rentes that are to be payde to the vse of the house or houses there, and in the market of Oxforde, for the rentes that are to be paid to the vse of the house or houses there, and in the market of Winchester, for the rentes that are to be payed to the vse of the house or houses there, and in the market of Windsor, for the rentes that are to be payde to the vse of the house or houses at Eaton, is or shalbe solde the next market day before þe sayd rent shalbe due, without fraude or deceit: and that all leases otherwyle hereafter to be made, and all collateral bondes or assurance to the contrarie by any of the sayde corporations, shalbe voyde in lawe to all intentes and purposes. The same tribute, malte, or the money commyng of the same, to be expended to the vse of the reliefe of the commons and dyet of the sayde Colledges, Cathedral Church, Halls, & houses only, and by no fraude nor colour let nor solde away from the profit of the sayde Colledges, Cathedral Church, Halls, and houses, and the seipwes and Schollars in the same, and the vse aforesayde, bypon payme of deprivation to the gouernour and cheefe rulers of the sayde Colledges, Cathedral Church, Halls, & houses, and at other thereto consenting.

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Provided alwayes, that this Acte, or any thing therein conteyned, shal not extend or be in any wyse prejudicial to any lease to be made of a barne called Mounchen barne, with a certayne portion of tithes, ry- sing, growing, and beyng in the parishe of Southweeke in the Coun- tie of Susssex, beyng parcell of the possessions of Hawdeleye Colledge in Oxforde, so that the terme demised in and by the sayde lease exceede not the number of .x. yeeres, from and after the feast of S. Michael the Archangel next commynng, any thyng therein specified to the contra- rie, nor withstanding.

Provided also, that this Act shal not extend to any lease to be made by the President and Schollars of the Colledge of S. John Baptiste in Oxforde, to any heyre male of syr Thomas White, late knight and Alderman of London, founder of the sayde Colledge, which lease shal be made accordyng to the meaning of the foundation & statutes of the sayd Colledge of the manour of Fifebe, and no other hereditamentes.

An acte to take away Cleargie from the offenders in Rape and Burglarie, and an order for the delivrie of Clerkes convicted without purgation.

Chapter. vii.



Or the repressyng of the most wicked & felonious Rapes of ravishmentes of women, maydes, wyves, and dam- sels, and of felonious Burglaries, & for the amending of sundry perjuries and other abuses in & about the pur- gatio of Clerkes convicted, delivered to the Ordinaries: be it enacted and ordeyned by the authority of this pre- sent Parliament, that if any person or persons, shal fortune at any time after the fyfth day of June now next ensuling, to commit or do any ma- nner of felonious Rape, ravishment, or Burglarie, & to be found guilty, by verdit, of any such felonious Rape or Burglarie, or that any person or persons shal fortune to be outlawed for any such offences aforesayd, or upon his or theyr arraignment, shal confesse any such felonious Rape or Burglarie: that in every such case, every person & persons to beyng founde guilty, outlawed, or confessing any of the said felonious Rapes or Burglaries, shal suffer paynes of death, and forsayte, as in cases of felons hartly denieth and accustomed by the common lawes of this realme, without any allowance of a privilege or benefit of Cleargie, any lawe, custome, or usage heretofore had, made, or used to the contra- rie, nor withstanding.

And moreover, be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that every person and persons, which at any tyme after the end of this pre- sent session of Parliament, shal be admitted & allowed to have the be- nefite or privilege of his by the Cleargie, shal not thereupon be deli- vered to a Ordinarie, as hath ben accustomed, but after such Cleargie allowed, and burning in the hand, accordyng to the Statute in that be-
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halfe provided. That forthwith be enlarged and deliuered out of prison, by the Iustices before whom suche Cleargie shalbe graunted, that cause notwithstanding.

Provided neuerthelesse, and be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the Iustices before whom any such allowance of Cleargie shalbe had, shal and may for the further correction of such persons to whom Cleargie shalbe allowed, deteyne and keepe them in prison for suche convenient tyme, as the same Iustices in theyr discretions shal thinke convenient, so as the same do not excede one yeeres imprisonment: any lawe or vsage heretofore had or bled to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding.

And for playne declaration of lawe, be it enacted that if any person shal vnlawfully and carnally knowe and abuse any woman child vnder the age of ten yeeres, euery such vnlawful and carnal knowledge shalbe felonie, and the offendour thereof beyng duely conuicted, shal suffer as a felon, without allowance of Cleargie.

Provided alwayes, that al and euery person and persons, which shal hereafter be admitted to haue þe benefite of his or their Cleargie, shal, notwithstanding his or their aduission to the same, be put to answer to al other felonies whereof he or they shalbe hereafter indicted or appealed, and not beyng thereof before acquitted, conuicted, attaynted, or pardoned, and shal in such maner and forme be arraigned, tryed, adiudged, & suffer such execution for the same, as he or they shoulde haue done, yf as Clarke or Clarkes conuict they had ben deliuered to the Ordinarie, and there had made his or theyr purgations: any thing in this Acte conteyned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

An Acte for the appoyntyng and auctorising of Iustices of Assises in the Shires of V Vales.

Chap. viii.



Whereas by diuers laudable statutes, vsages, & lawes of this Realme, for the good government & administration of iustice within the principalltie and dominion of Wales, & the Countie Palantine of Chester, it hath ben established, bled, & enacted amongs other things, that there shalbe holden and kept Sessions twise in euery yeere, in euery of the Shires in the sayde dominion and principalltie of Wales, that is to say, in the Shires of Glamorgan, Brecknoche, Radnor, Caer-marthen, Denbryoke, the Towne and Countie of Bawerforde west, Cardigan, Mountgomerie, Denbigh, Flint, Carnaruan, Merioneth, and Anglizet, and in the said Countie Palantine of Chester, the which Sessions are called the Kinges great Sessions, and that the Iustice of Chester for the time being, shal hold & kepe Sessions twise in euery yeere, in the Shires of Chester, Denbigh,

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flint, and Mountgomery: And lyke wyse that the Iustice of North-
wales shal holde and keepe Sessions twise euery yeere, in euery of the
sayd Shyres of Caernernan, Merioneth, and Anglizer: And that al-
so that one person learned in the lawes of this Realme of England,
by the Queenes Maiestie to be appoynted, shalbe Iustice of the
Shyres of Radnor, Brecknocke, and Glamorgan, and shal in lyke
wyse holde & keepe Sessions twise in euery yeere, in euery of the same
Shyres: And that one other person learned in þe lawes of this realme,
to be appoynted as is aforesaid, shalbe Iustice of the Shyres of Caer-
marthen, Pembroke, and Cardigan, and the Towne and Countie of
Hauerforde west, and shal in lyke wyse holde and keepe Sessions twise
in euery yeere, in euery of the same Shyres. And that the sayde per-
sons or Iustices, & euery of them then being, or that thereafter shoulde
be, shoulde haue seuerall letters patentes and Commissions for theyr
offices, vnder þe great seale of England, to be exercised by them selues,
or their sufficient deputies, according to the purporses and intentes in
the ordinances specified.

Forasmuche as by the good administration of iustice within the
sayde Shyres and Counties, the same principalitie and dominion
of Wales, and the sayde Countie Palantine of Chester, are reduced to
great obedience of her Maiesties lawes, and the same greatly inha-
bited, manured, and peopled, and for that all and all manner causes,
plees, actions, aswel real, personall, and myxt treasons, plees of the
crowne, attaintes, conspiracies, Assises, quare impedit, appeales of
murder, maymes, and felony, and trial vpon al murders, manslaughter-
ters, & felonies whatsoever, arising within the said seuerall circuites,
are by the sayde lawes, vsages, and statutes impledable, impleded, and
determinable before one only Iustice, as is aforesayde: And for that
many great and weyghtie causes, matters, questions, demurrers,
and ambiguities in lawe do thereupon dayly arysle, encrease, and are
lyke dayly more and more to encrease within the sayde Shyres, to
the infinite trouble of suche one Iustice, within euerye of the sayde
seuerall circuites, and to the great delay and hynderaunce of admini-
stration of iustice. For the better and more speedie remedie wherof,
her Maiesties subiectes of the sayde principalitie and dominion of
Wales, and Countie palantine of Chester, haue made thei most hum-
ble petition and suite to her highnesse, to haue two Iustices learned in
the lawes, in euery of þe said seuerall circuites. And forasmuche as some
question, ambiguitie, and doubt hath ben heretofore made, whether
her highnesse by her letters patentes vnder the great seale of England,
might, or may authorize, constitute, or appoynt two persons or more,
to be her highnesse Iustices in euery of the sayde seuerall circuites, or
graunt commission or commissions of association, or associations, to or
with euery or any such seuerall Iustice & Iustices, or no: and also whe-
ther after such graunt, the administratiõ of iustice in those offices and
function done by two, may be sufficiently warranted by lawe, or no.

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fo: plaine explanation whereof, and fo: the better redresse & more speedie administration of iustice to be had touching the premises: Be it declared, explained, enacted, & established, by þe Queenes most excellent Maiestie, by thallent of the lordes spirituall & tempozall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, & by the aucthoritie of the same, that the Queenes highnesse, her heyres, & successours, may and shal at her o: their wil and pleasure, haue ful power, prerogatiue, & aucthoritie from tyme to tyme, to constitute, aucthorize, name, o: appoint, two o: more learned as aforesaide, in the lawes of this Realme, to be Iustices of and fo: the sayd Countie of Chesser, Flynt, Denbigh, and Mountgomerie: and two o: more learned as aforesaid, to be Iustices of Northwales, viz of and fo: the said Shires of Anglizey, Caernaruan, and Merioneth: and likewylse two o: more learned as aforesaid, to be Iustices of and fo: the saide circuite and Shires of Radnor, Glamoigan, and Brecknoche: and also two o: more learned as aforesayd, to be Iustices of and fo: the saide circuite and Shires of Cardigan, Caernarthen, and Pembroke, and the Towne and Countie of Hauerford West: any law, vsage, opinion, o: statute to þe contrary, notwithstanding.

And that her Maiestie, her heires, & successours, may and shal at her and their good wyl & pleasure, from time to time, associate, and graunt commission & commissions of association o: associatiōs, vnder the great seale of Englande, to any person o: persons learned as aforesayde, to be associate to o: with euery o: any suche seuerall Iustice o: Iustices fo: the time being, of the saide seuerall circuites and Counties aforesayd, o: in any of the sayde Counties: and that al & euery such two Iustices o: more, within euery of the sayd seuerall circuites and Counties, and also that euery suche Iustice o: Iustices, togeather with such person o: persons associate, yf any such association o: associatiōs shal happen to be, as aforesayd, during such association: and after such association ended, o: without such association, such Iustice o: Iustices shal haue the lyke ful power, prehemynence, aucthoritie, & iurisdiction from hencefo:th, to al intents, constructions, purposes, and effectes, as any one Iustice within any of þe said circuites o: Shires aforesaid, now hath, o: at any time heretofore had o: ought to haue: and also shal haue like power, aucthoritie, prehemynence, & iurisdiction, to keepe and hold the seuerall Sessions aforesaide, twylse in euery yeere, in euery of the said Shires, within their seuerall circuites aforesaid, and to heare, determine, order, adward, adiudge, receiue, take knowledge of, & execute all and singular causes, matters, piers of Aduises, treasons, murders, felonies, inditementes, appeales of murder, felony, and maiimes, actions reals, personals, & mixt sutes, plaintes, informations, quarels, attaintes, conspiracies, quare impedit, and al actions grounded vpon any statute o: statutes, writs, proccesses, retournes, essoignes, verdictes, iudgements, fines, acknowledges, confessions,

confessions, warrantes, and executions, actions, and actes to be
 so euer, and to doo, perfourme, obserue, accomplishe, and make all
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 whatsoeuer, in like, and in as ample, beneficial, lawfull, and effec-
 tual maner & fourme, to all constructions, qualities, intentes and
 purposes, as any of þe now seuerall Iustices, or any one of the now
 Justice or Iustices, within the same seuerall circuite or circuit
 and, Counties aforesaide, may, ought, hath, or might lawfully
 doo by force of any lawe, blage, or statute heretofore had, made, or
 bled, before the making of this act: and that from henceforth all
 & singular wryttes, processe, retournes, essoignes, verdictes, iudge-
 mentes, fines, recoueries, recognisances, acknowledges, consti-
 tutions, act & actes, thing and thinges, matter and matters, as aforesaid,
 had, made, taken, doone, returned, heard, determined, awarded,
 adiudged, or executed by or before any suche two Iustices or
 more: or any such Justice or Iustices, and associate or associates,
 as aforesaid, to be appointed, nominated, auctorized, or constitu-
 ted as aforesaid, shalbe allowed, taken, construed, expounded, & ad-
 iudged, as good, effectual, and auayleable, to all intentes, construc-
 tions & purposes, as if the same had been had, made, taken, doone,
 returned, heard, determined, awarded, adiudged, or executed by or
 before any such one Justice, or one of the Iustices now, or late be-
 ing Justice or Iustices of the same circuite, or seuerall circuit aforesaid:
 any lawe, blage, statute, acte, ordinance, or prescription to the contrary,
 in any wise notwithstanding.

An acte agaynst the transporting of Leather,

Tallowe, and rawe Hydes out of the Realme.

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Here in the Parliament holden at westminster, in the fyfth yere of þe raigne of the Quene's moste excellent Maestie, one act was made, that the carrying of Leather, Tallowe, and rawe Hydes out of the Realme for marchaundises, shoulde be felonie: which acte was made to endure but for a certayne time, and afterwarde was discontinued, and sithens, viz. in the fyfth Session of this present Parliament, renewed to haue continuance for certayne yeres yet to come. And where also in the Parliament holden in the fyfth yere of her Maesties raigne, one other acte was made vpon great aduice, conference, and deliberation, concerning Tanners, Curriers, Shoemakers, and other artificers occupying the cutting of Leather, and thereby all former actes were repealed concerning the same: by whiche meanes, it was hoped that the goodnesse of Leather, & the excelle pryses thereof, as also of Tallowe, shoulde haue been remedied, which notwithstanding daily hath encreased, and yet dooth: the cause whereof

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is, that being shipped for sovraine partes, or transported out of the realme, no forfeiture is geuen to him or them that wyl lease or sue for the same. For remedie wherof, be it enacted by the Queene our Soueraigne Lady, & by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that the said act made in the said first yeere, and continued in the first Session of this present Parliament, shalbe repealed, and that so much of the said act made in the said fifth yeere, & the prouisoos therein conteyned, as doo or dooth concerne the transporting of Leather or Hydes, shalbe continued, and duely put in execution.

And be it further enacted, that it shal not be lawfull for any person or persons, to lade, ship, or cary, in any vessel, or ship, or otherwise, any Leather, Tallow, or rawe Hydes, of intent to transport or cary the same into any place or places of the partes beyond the Seas, or into the Realme of Scotland, by land or by Seas, other then Scottish Hydes, according to the said prouiso in the said act made in the said fifth yeere, vppon the paines & forfeitures hereafter ensuing: that is to say, vpon the paine of the forfeiture of the said Leather, Tallowe, or rawe Hydes, so laden or transported, & treble the value therof, to be forfeited by the owner or owners: and also the owners of the said shippes or vessels, knowing of such offence, to forfeite the said shippes or vessels, with all their apparel and furniture to them and curry of them belonging, & the masters and Mariners knowing of such offence, to forfeite all their goodes and chattels, and to haue imprisonment by the space of one yeere, without baille or mainprise: the one moitie of all which forfeitures to be to the Queenes Maiestie, her heires & successours, the other moitie to him or them that wyl sue for the same, by action of debt, or Informations, in any court of record, in which sute, no protectio nor wager of law shalbe admitted. Prouided alwayes, that yf any owner of any such ship or vessel, or any Maister or Mariner knowing any such transportation of Leather, Tallowe, or rawe Hydes, shall within thre monethes next after his knowledge thereof, or after his returne into this realme, geue good information, bona fide, before any of the Barons of the Queenes Maiesties Court of Chertchequer, or before the lord President or Counsel in the North, or in the Marches of Wales, or before the head officer of any port where he shal first arrive, vpon his or their othe, of the number & quantitie of Leather, Tallow, and rawe Hydes, so caried, conueied, and transported, and by whom, where, & in what ship or vessel, and after wardes shalbe redy vppon reasonable warning by processe, to iustifie and prooue the same for the Queenes Maiestie, that then suche owner or owners, Maister, Mariner, or Mariners, shal not forfeite his or their shippe, vessel or vessels, nor incurre the forfeitures aforesayde: any thing herin conteyned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that every person or persons whatsoeuer, that shall ship or cary any Leather,

tallowe, or rawe Hides, otherwys then by force of the said prouis made in the sayde fyfth yeere, into the partes of beyonde the Seas from hencefoorth, shall pay to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres and successours, for every Hide so to be caried, by the name of Subsidie, the summe of x. s. and for every dozen of Calues skynnes, iii. s. iiii. d. and for every hundred pound weight of Tallowe, vi. s. viii. d.

And further, that al Customers, Comptrollers, Farmours, and Superuisors of customes and Subsidie, shalbe accomptant to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, and successours, to pay the sayd custome and Subsidie for al such goodes entred and laden, vpon the paynes and penalties conteyned in the statute made for falsse con- tealementes of customes and Subsidie, in the thirde yeere of the raigne of kyng Henry the sixth.

An acte of addition vnto the former actes for the amending and repayryng of hygh wayes.

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Here in the Parliament holden at Westmynster, in the second & third yeeres of the raignes of our late Soueraigne Lord and Lady king Philip and Queene Marie, an act was made and ordeined for the amending and repairing of the hygh wayes: And wheras there is one other acte made in the fyfth yeere of our Soueraigne Lady the Queene that now is, for the better amendment of hygh wayes, wherein some defectes and defectes haue been. For explanation whereof, and better prouis- on hereafter to be made for amendment of hygh wayes: Be it ex- plained, and enacted by the Queenes Maiestie, the lordes spiritu- all and temporall, and the commons of this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that every person or persons (except suche as shall dwell in the Citie of London) that shalbe assessed to the payment of any Subsidie to her Maiestie, to h. li. in goodes, or. xl. s. in landes, or above, duryng all such tyme as he shal stand so assessed and not altered, and beyng none of the par- ties chargeable for the amendment of hygh wayes by any former law, but as a Cottager, shal find two able men yeerly to labour in the hygh wayes, at such dayes and tymes, as by the sayde severall statutes are limited and appoynted. And every other that here- after shall occupie a plough land in tyllage or pasture, lying and beyng in severall parishes, shalbe chargeable to the making of the wayes within the parische where he dwelleth, as farre forth, and in suche maner & sournie, as any person having a plough lande in any one parische, is or ought to be chargeable by reason of the sayde former statutes, or eyther of them. And that every person or persons occupying

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occupying and keeping in his or theyr handes or possession, seuerall or diuers ploughlandes, as aforesaid, in seuerall or diuers Townes, shal be charged to finde in ech Towne or Parithe (where the plough lands being in his occupying, do lye) one Cart, wayne, Cumbrel, Droung pottle, or Courte, Sleades, Carres, or Dragges, furnished, for thamen- dement and repayryng of the hygh wayes within the seuerall parishes where the sayde plough landes do lye, in such maner and fourme, as if he or they were a parishioner dwelling within the Parishes where the same seuerall plough landes do lye.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that al and every person and persons, that shal not repayre, dicke, or scoure any Hayes, fences, ditches, or hedges adioyning to any high way or com- mon sayryng way, or shal not cutte downe or kepe lowe al trees and bushes, growng in or next adioyning to any the sayd wayes, accor- ding to the true intent and meaning of the aboue recited Acte, made in the fyfth yeere of the Queenes Maesties raigne that nowe is, for every offence committed therein contrary to the true intent thereof, shal forfeite and lose for every default, .x. s. And that al and every per- son and persons, that shal occupie any landes adioyning to the sayde grounde, so adioyning to any suche high way, or common sayryng way, where any ditching or scouring shoulde or ought to be, as afoze- sayde, shal from time to time, as neede shal require, dicke and scoure in his and their ground so adioyning, wherby the water conueyed from the sayde high way, or common sayryng way, ouer the grounde next adioyning, may haue passage ouer the said ground so next adioyning to that ground, vpon payne of forfeiture for every tyme so offending, for every rod not so ditched and scoured, .xii. d.

And for the better keeping of the high wayes passable for her Ma- jesties people: be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no per- son or persons, hauing any grounde by lease or otherwise, adioyning to any high way, or common sayryng way, leadyng to any market Towne, shal cast or scoure any dicke, and throwe or lay the soyle there- of into the hygh way, and suffer it to lye there by the space of fyre mo- nethes, to the annoyance of the sayd hygh way, or common sayryng way, vpon payne of forfeiture for every lode of soyle so cast into the hygh way, or common sayryng way, in ditching, or scouring, twelve pence. And where any heretofore haue ben so cast into the high way, or common sayryng way, that there is a banke betweene the sayde way and the dicke, it shalbe lawfull for the suruoyours and workmen, by the lawes and statutes of this Realme, appoynted for the amende- ment of the sayde wayes, to make stewes or other deuices by theyr discretions, to conuey the water out of the sayde way into the dicke: any lawe, ryght, interest, custome, or blage to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And that al and every penaltie, summe, or summes of money forfey- ted for any cause within this statute, shalbe leuied in every parithe, by

by the surueours of the wayes within that paryshe for the tyme beynge, by distresse, and sale of distresse, in maner and scurme as synes or amerciamentes in Leetes haue ben vsed, and the money so leuied, to be employed vpon the hygh way, or common sayyng way, where the offence was committed. And if the surueours shal not or wil not leuie and employ the same within one yeere after the offence so committed, that then the sayd summe or summones, forfeiture or forfeitures, shalbe leuied in fourme aforesayde, by the Constables or Churchwardens of the Towne or paryshe where the worke ought to be done in the hygh way (as aforesayde) and that he or they so leuying any of the sayde penalties or forfeitures, shal make and peeble suche account appointed in the before recited statutes, or eyther of them.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that al and euery Justices of Assise, Justices of Oyer and Terminer, Justices of the peace in their Sessions, and Stuardes of Leetes and Lawdayes, in theyr Leetes and lawdayes, shal heare and determine al and euery offence, matter, and cause, that shal growe, come, or ryle by reason of this statute.

And where the ferrie or passage, called Kynges ferrie, within the Isle of Shephey in the Countie of Kent, before the making of the statute of hygh wayes, was vsually repayed and maynteyned tyme out of memorie of man, at the charges of all the inhabitantes & land occupiers within the whole Isle, by taxation and sessement at one Court or Lawday, tyme out of mynde peerely holden on the Sunday next after the feast of Pentecost, at Kyngesvozdowe within the sayde Isle, in the name of the Queenes Maieslie, and her progenitours, onlye for the mayntenaunce of the same ferrie: Be it therefore enacted, that the sayde Court shalbe duely kept, in suche maner and fourme as hath ben heretofore accustomed, and that it shal and may be lawfull to and for the Iurie impanelled and sworn at the same Court, for the tyme beynge, by theyr discretions, reasonably to assesse and take them selves and al other the inhabitauntes and lande occupiers of the said Isle indifferently, accordyng to the rate of lande in euery mans occupying, towarde the mayntenaunce of the saide ferrie and passage, and the wayes belongyng or leadyng to the same, so as no acre of fre the marke and vplande, be taxed aboue the rate of a peny in one yeere, nor of euery tenne acres of salt marke aboue the rate of a peny in one yeere. And that all and euery thyng, profite, benefite, and commoditie, whiche heretofore hath ben geuen by any person or persons whatsoeuer, towarde the mayntenaunce of the sayd passage or ferrie, shalbe had & leuied to the mayntenaunce of the sayd passage or ferrie, and that the ferrie warden for the tyme beynge, shal haue full power and auctoritie, to leuie, recouer, and receiue the same, and the taxes and assessementes of euery person and persons by way of distresse, vpon the extreates made out by the steward of the sayde Courte, as all amerciamentes are vsed to be leuied that are extreated out of other the

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Queenes Maiesties Leetes and Lawdayes: and that the sayd ferrie warden shall bestowe the money so leuied vppon the repaying and maintenance of the sayde ferrie, passage, and wayes, and therof shal geue account, as they haue ben accustomed, to the steward of the sayd court and homage, there to be twoine at the next Lawday folowynge, & al arrerages in his handes remainyng, shall deliuer ouer to the next ferrie warden, on payne to forsayte the double of the sayd arrerages, to be leuied as other paynes & amerçiements in the court aforesayd assessed, & to be employed to the maintenance of þ sayd passage or ferrie.

And forasmuche as the vsuall hygh way, leadyng from the market towne, called Middleton, to the sayd ferrie, is presently in such decay, that neyther man nor beast without great danger is able to passe, whatsoeuer necessitie should sodaynly happen for men to repaye into or out of the sayde Isle, and the parish where the same lieth is not able to repaye the same: Be it therfore further enacted, that it shalbe lawfull from henceforth yeerely during the space of .x. yeeres, for three Iustices of peace, wherof one to be of Quorum, next inhabiting to þ sayde towne of Middleton within the sayde Countie of Kent, reasonably to assesse and take al and euery lande occupiers dwelling out of the sayde Isle, and within foure miles distant from the sayde ferrie, as to theyr discretion shal seeme conuenient, not exceeding the summe of one penny, vpon euery acre of fressh marthe and bylande, in one yeere, & vpon euery .x. acres of salt marsh, one penny in one yeere, and to assigne and appoynt suche person and persons, as they shall thinke meete, for the collecting and employing of the same vpon the sayd high wayes: and that it shalbe lawfull for the sayde three Iustices for the tyme being, yeerely during the said .x. yeeres, to take account and reckening of the said person or persons, touchyng or concerning the sayde money so to be leuied or employed.

An acte for the explanation of the Statutes, entituled, agaynst the defeatyng of dilapidations, and agaynst leasles to be made of spiritual promotions in some respects.

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Where as by a statute made in a Parliament holden at uesselminster the .ii. day of April, in the .xiii. yeere of the raigne of our most gracious soueraigne Lady, entituled, **An Acte agaynst fraudulent gyftes, to the intent to defeat dilapidations of Ecclesiastical livinges, and for leasles to be graunted by Collegiat Churches:** It was amongst other thinges enacted by the auctoritie of Parliament, that from thenceforth, all leasles, gyftes, grauntes, franchises, cohenances, of offices, to be made, had, done, or suffered, by any inauil

and fellowes of any Colledge, or by any Deane and Chapter of any Cathedral or Collegiat Church, Maister or Gardian of any Hospital, Parson, Vicar, or any other, hauing any spiritual or Ecclesiasticall living, or any houses, lands, tithes, tenements, or other hereditaments, being any parcell of the possessions of any suche Colledge, Cathedral Church, Chapter, Hospital, Parsonage, Vicarage, or other spirituall promotiō, or any wayes apperteyning or belonging to the same, or of any of them, to any person or persons, bodies politique or corporate, other the for the terme of. xxi. yeeres, or three liues, from the time of any such lease or graunt shalbe made or graunted, wherupon the accustomed yeerely rent or more shalbe reserued, and payable yeerely, during the sayde terme, shalbe vtterly boyde and of none effect, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes: any law, custome, or vsage to the contrary, notwithstanding, as in the sayde Acte more playnely appeareth.

Wherby the making of which sayd estatute, diuers of the sayde Ecclesiasticall and spirituall persons, & others, hauing spirituall or Ecclesiasticall livings, haue from tyme to tyme made leases for the terme of. xxi. yeeres, or three liues, long before the expiration of the former yeeres, contrary to the true meaning and intent of the sayde estatute: Be it therfore enacted by this present Parliament, that all leases hereafter to be made by any of the sayd Ecclesiasticall, spirituall, or collegiat persons or others, of any their said Ecclesiasticall, spirituall, or collegiat landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, whereof any former lease for yeeres is in, being not to be expired, surrendered, or ended, within three yeeres next after the making of any suche newe lease, shalbe boyde, frustrate, and of none effect, any lawe, vsage, or custome to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And be it likewise enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that al and euery bande and couenaunt whatsoever, hereafter to be made, for renewing or making of any lease or leases, contrary to the true intent of this Acte, or of the sayde Acte made in the sayde. xxi. yeere, shalbe vtterly boyde: any law, statute, ordinance, or other thyng whatsoever to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, that this Act, nor any thing therein conteyned, shall extende or be prejudicial, to make frustrate or boyde any lease or leases, heretofore made by any of the sayde spirituall or Ecclesiasticall person or persons, or any of them: but that the same & euery of them, are of the lyke force and effect, as they or any of them were before the making of this present statute: this Acte or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary, notwithstanding. And where by Thomas White, late knight & Alderman of London, for aduancement of good learning, hath founded one Colledge in the vniuersitie of Oxforde, called saint Iohn baptistes Colledge, and being seased of the manour of ffishpode, alias ffishede, in the Countie of Barke, dyd together with al other his landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, geue and assigne the sayde manour, with the appurtenances, to the President and

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Schollars of the sayde Colledge for ever: And neuerthelesse the sayde syr Thomas white, hauing then one Ralfe white his brother liuing, and sundry kindmen, to whom by course of the comon lawe his landes might haue descended, dyd deuise, and order, and by the statutes whiche he prouided for the sayd house, and by order of the now visitor of the sayd Colledge, it is ordeyned that the sayd manour of fishpode, alias fishelde, with the appurtenances, shoulde be deuised by the sayde President and Schollars, for the tyme being, to the sayde Ralfe, for the tyme of fourescore and nienetiene yeeres, yf the sayde Ralfe shoulde so long lyue, and so it is intended that from heyre male to heyre male, of the said sir Thomas white, new deuises shoulde from tyme to tyme be made, of the sayde manour with the appurtenances, to euery such heyre male successuely, for the tyme of fourescore and nienetiene yeeres, yf such heyre male shoulde so long lyue, yeeldyng to the sayde President and Schollars, for the tyme being, such rent as now is referred, with such further covenantes and conditions, as by the sayd syr Thomas white or visitor is agreed and appointed.

And where since the decease of the sayd syr Thomas white, the sayde assurances to the sayde President and Schollars, in all or the most part of the landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, of the sayde founder, were founde in some respect imperfect, and insufficient in lawe, and that thereupon the sayde Ralfe white, to whom the advantage of such imperfection came by lawe, did neuerthelesse take no such advantage, but dyd willingly make perfect the sayde assurances, accordyng to the true meaning of the sayde syr Thomas white his brother, acceptyng only one lease of the sayde manour, in such sorte as by the sayde visitor was appointed, with the copyholdes, and other appurtenances of the sayde manour, for remedie wherof he is enacted, That the President and Schollars of the sayde Colledge, may from tyme to tyme demise the sayd manour, copyholdes, and other appurtenances, to euery heyre male of the sayde syr Thomas white successuely, accordyng to the fourme of lease the reof already made to the sayde Ralfe, and that euery such lease so to be made, & euery covenant made, or to be made for the performance of the same, shalbe good in lawe, as if the sayde Ralfe made in the xij. yere had not been had nor made anything in the sayd act made in the said xij. yere, or any other act or statute whiche shoulde be to the contrary, nor withstanding.

And where as in the other statute made in the xij. yere of her Maiestie intituled, In Strengthening leases of benefices, and other Ecclesiasticall holdings with cure, one clause is contained, That the same shoulde not offend the purpose of the said statute,

shal for the same loose one yerres profite of his sayde benefice, to be distributed by the Ordinarie among the poore of the parish, as by the sayde byaunche in the sayde last recited statute appeareth: Be it therfore enacted by thanchthortie aforesayde, that after coplaynt made to the Ordinarie, and sentence given upon any offence committed by the Incumbent, whereby he shall or ought to loose one yerres profite of his benefice as aforesayde, that the Ordinarie within two monethes after such sentence given, & request to hym made by the Church wardens of the sayde parish, or one of them, shal graunt the sequestration of such profites, to such inhabitant or inhabitants within the parish where such benefice shalbe, as to hym shall seeme meete and convenient, and bypon default therein by the Ordinarie, that it may and shalbe lawfull to every parishoner, where the benefice is, to retayne & keepe his or their cythes, and likewise for the Church wardens of the saide parish, to enter and take the profites of the glebe lands, and other rents, and duties of every such benefice, to be employed to the use of the poore as aforesayde, untill such tyme as sequestration shalbe committed by the Ordinarie, and then aswel the Church wardens, as parishoners, to geve account of & make payment to hym or them, to whom such sequestration shalbe committed, & that he or they to whom such sequestration shalbe committed, from tyme to tyme, shal justly and truly employ and bestowe the sayde profites, or the true & full value thereof, without fraud or guyle, to such uses as by the sayde statute is limited and appointed, upon payne or forfeiture of the double value of such withholden profites, to be recovered in the Ecclesiastical court by the poore of the sayde parish.

An acte for the trial of

Wills in the Countie of

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Whereas heretofore all issues joined in any of the counties of Middlesex, and elsewhere, tryable in the court of the said Middlesex, have been usually tried at the barres in the sayde court in Westminster: And whereas a great number of a cleane house of law persons have been brought in the sayde court of Middlesex for the purpose of tryall, and that for small causes the great expenses of the judges of the same court have not only been

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letted & hindered in their proceedings in matters of great weight, depending before them by demurrer or otherwise, to the great delay of Justice, & occasion of great expences and charges of a number of the Queenes Maiesties most louyng subiectes, but also to the great trouble & charge of the freeholders of the sayde Countie, who are compelled to geue dayly attendance at the seuerall barres of the same seuerall courtes, for the tryall of the sayde issues, for reformation whereof, be it enacted by the Queenes moste excellent Maiestie our soueraigne Lady, with the assent of the lordes spiritual and tempozal, & the commons in this present Parliament assembled, & by the auctoritie of the same, that from henceforth the cheefe Justice of England, for the tyme being, vpon issues toynd, or to be toynd in the court called the Kinges bench, or in the court of Chauncerie, the cheefe Justice of the common ples for the time being, vpon issues toynd or to be toynd in the court of common ples, and the cheefe Baron of the Exchequer, for the tyme being, vpon issues toynd or to be toynd in the court of Exchequer, or in the absence or default of any of them, two other iudges or Barons of the same seuerall courtes, where it shall happen eyther of the same cheefe Justices or the cheefe Baron, for the tyme being, to be absent, shall or may at their discretions, within the sayd hal, called Westminster hall, in Westminster, or in the place where the court of Exchequer is commonly kept in the sayde Countie of Middlesex, as Justices of Nisi prius, for the said Countie of Middlesex, within the terme tyme, or within foure dayes next after the ende of euery or any terme, seuerally trye all manner of issues toynd, or to be toynd in any of the sayde seuerall courtes, whiche by the ordinarie course of the lawes of the Realme, ought to be tryed in anye of the sayd courtes by an inquest of the sayde Countie of Middlesex, and that commissions and writtes of Nisi prius shalbe a'warded, in such cases, and in such forme, as they are or haue ben bled in any other tyme of this Realme: & that it shalbe lawfull for any person or persons from henceforth, vpon reasonable warning geuen to & aduerse partie, or his or their attorney, as hath been accustomed in such lyke cases, to take or sue forth writtes and recordes of Nisi prius for the tryal of the saide issues in the said Countie of Middlesex, as they may dop vpon any issue toynd, tryable in any other countie, and thereupon take the Iurie in such maner and forme, and with a'wardyng of tales de circumstantibus, and a'wardyng the nonsuite, as is used for the tryall of issues toynd, or nonsuites to be a'warded in the sayde courtes, or any of them, tryable within the cite of London, or within any other Countie of this Realme of Englande, and that the Sherriffes of the sayde Countie of Middlesex, for the tyme being, shall make retorne of all writtes of

Nisi prius, which shalbe deliuered to the, or to their, or any of their sufficient deputie, for the tyme beyng, before the sayde Judges, Baron, or Barons, and euery of them, and shall geue theyr attendance vpon the sayde Justices, Baron and Barons, as well for the returning of suche tales as shalbe prayed de circumstantibus for the trying of the sayde issues, as for the dooing and executing of all other thyng and thinges, to the office of Shuriffe in such case belonging or apperteyning. And that all persons to be impanelled in such Juries, and the parties to the same issues and suites, and the witnesses for the same, shalbe charged and bounde in such and the lyke sort, and vpon the lyke paynes and penalties for theyr not appearance and attendance, or for their, or any of their misdeemeanour, or default before the sayd Justice of Nisi prius, as they should haue been, if the same issue had ben tried in the court fro whence the Nisi prius thereof was awarded: all whiche severall tryals so to be had before the sayde severall Justices, Baron or Barons, shall by auctorite of this present Parliament, stande, and be as good and paylable in lawe, as if the same had been tried in the terme tyme at the barre in the court where suche issue was ioyned or tryable: any law, vsage, or custome heretofore made, used, or accustomed to the contrarie hereof, in any wyse notwithstanding.

An acte concerning of

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Whereas the Quenees most royall Maiestie, by the lawes and Statutes of this her byghness Realme of England, ought to haue the custodie, wardship, and maniage of the body, landes, and tenementes, of the heyres of euery of her byghness Tenementes, holding of her Maiestie by Knights service in cheefe, as of her Crowne, or other wyse by Knights service, or of a thyrde part thereof, and also primer feodum, and luerie of their landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, as the case doth require, as well within the Countie Palantines of the Countie of Lancaster, and the Earldome of Chester, and in the Countie Palantines of the Bishopricke of Wyresme, as also in all other places within the Dominions of this her byghness Realme of Englande and Wales. And whereas heretofore all suche offices and commissions,

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tions, as hath been founde by vertue of writtes of diem clausie extremum, or by other writtes or commissions, or virtute officij, concerning landes or hereditamentes, after the death of any of her Maiesties sayde Tenautes, within the sayde Countie Palantines, are alwayes, and haue been returned into the court of the sayde Duchie of Lancaster, and into the Erchequeues of the sayde Countie Palantines of Chester and Duresme, or into some suche offices or officers handes therfore specially appoynted, and so being returned, there do remayne. By reason whereof, & for that the sayde offices and inquisitions are not transcribed into her Maiesties court of wardes and liueries, lyke as othe: offices and inquisitions are certified out of her hyghnesse court of Chauncerie, her Maiesties title hath been oftentimes long delayed and deferred, from the knowledge of the maister and counsaile of the sayde court of wardes and liueries, so that sundry tymes it hath happened, that the heyres of diuers of her Maiesties Tenautes, being within age, haue dyed before composition made for theyr wardshippes and mariages, and other of full age lyke wyse dyed before they haue entred into bandes, or payde theyr primer season, and sued their liueries, wherby oftentimes great intrusions and arrerages of the rentes, issues, and profites of their lands hath accrued and growen before liuerie sued, to the great prejudice and hinderaunce, as well of her sayde hyghnesse, and other her Maiesties progenitours for times heretofore passed, as also to diuers her Maiesties subiectes, occupiers, farmours, and takers, of the rentes, issues, and profites of the sayde landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes.

for speedie remedie whereof, be it therefore enacted by the Queenes Maiestie, with thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporal, & the commons in this present Parliament assembled, that al such inquisitions and offices to be found, from and after the first day of July next coming, before any Eschetours or Commissioners, by vertue of any such writs or commission, or other wise, within the sayd Countie Palantines of the sayd Duchie of Lancaster, Chester, & Duresme, or any of them, shalbe returned by the sayde Eschetours and Commissioners, within one moneth next after the taking of any suche office or inquisition, into such place or places, and to such office and officers, as heretofore they haue vsually been accustomed to be certified and returned into, vpon payne to forfaitte for every default, xl. li. to the vse of our sayd soueraigne Lady, her heyres, and successours. And that the Clerke of the sayde Duchie of Lancaster, & vice Chamberlayne of the sayd Earldome of Chester, and the Chancellour of the sayde Countie Palantine of the sayde Bishopricke of Duresme, or other the sayde officers or

ministers within the said Countie Palantines, or their deputie or deputies, and every of them, for the tyme being, having authoritie to receiue any suche office or inquisition, to whose handes any suche office or inquisition shall come to, shall certifie, or cause to be certified vnder his or theyr handes in parchment, the true transcript of every such office or inquisition, take before any of the said Eschetours or Commissioners, vnto the maister of the sayde court of wardes and liueries, in such lyke maner, forme, and sort, as is limited and appoynted to the Clerkes of the petibag in her highnesse sayd court of Chancerie to transcript the same, vpon paine to forsaite for every suche default. b. li. to the vse of our sayde soueraigne Lady, her heyres, and successours: whiche transcript so to be certified, shall there remayne of recorde, in lyke maner & forme to all intentes and purposes, as the transcriptes of other offices already certified into the sayde court, by the Clerkes of the petibag in her Matestes hygh court of Chancerie are used: any custome, statute, acte, prouiso, or prouisoes, heretofore had, made, or used to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

An Acte for reformation of Ieofayles.

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BE it enacted by the Queenes most excellent Ma-
iestie, the lordes spiritual & temporall, and the com-
mons in this present Parliament assembled, & by
the auctoritie of the same, that if any verdit of iu-
men or iurors shalbe hereafter geuen in any actio,
suite, byll, playnt, or demaunde, in any court of re-
corde, the iudgement thereupon shal not be stayed or reueried, by
reason of any default in fourme, or lacke of fourme, touching false
latin, or variance from the regiller, or other defaultes in fourme in
any writ originall or iudicial, count, declaration, plaint, byll, suite,
or demaund, or for want of any writ originall or iudicial, or by rea-
son of any imperfect or insufficient returne of any Sherriffe, or o-
ther officer, or for want of any warrant of attorney, or by reason
of any maner of default in processe, before or after any iurye piler or
voucher, nor any such recorde or iudgement after verdit to be ge-
uen hereafter, shalbe reversed for any the defectes or causes afore-
sayd: any law, statute, or blage to the contrary, notwithstanding.
Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the auctoritie
aforesayde, that this Acte, or any thing therein conteyned, shal not
extende to any writ, declaration, or suite of appeale of felonie or
murder, nor to any indictment, or presentment of felonie, murder,
treason,

treason, or other matter, nor to any proccesse upon any of them, nor to any writ, byll, action, or information, upon any populer or penal statute: any thing aforesayd to the contrary, notwithstanding, provided also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all atturneyes in any sute or action in any court of recorde, shal deliuer in the warrant of atturneyes in such action or sute, wherein they be named atturneyes, to be entred or fyled of recorde, in such maner and fourme, as heretofore by the lawe or statutes in that behalfe made they shoulde or ought to haue done, vppon payne to forsayte, x. li. for euery such offence: the one moytie therof to be to the Quenes Maiestie, her heyres, and successours, and the other moytie to suche officer or officers, to whom or in whose office the same warrant shoulde be deliuered, entred, or fyled, and to suffer imprisonment by the discretion of the Iustices of the court for the tyme being, where any such defaulte shal fortune to be had or made, the sayde x. li. to be recovered by action of debt, byll, or information, in whiche no essoigne, protection, no: wager of lawe shalbe allowed.

An act for reformation of abuses in Goldsmithes.

Chapter. xv.



Here certayne euyl disposed Goldsmithes, deceptfully do make and sell plate, and other golde and syluer wares, to the great defrauding of her Maiestie, and her good subiectes: for remedie whereof, be it enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that no Goldsmith, from the xx. day of Aprill next commyng, shall woorage, sell, exchange, or cause to be wrought, solde, or exchanged, any plate or other Goldsmithes wares of gold, selle in fineness, then that of xxii. Carottes, & that he vse no sother, amell, nor other stuffinges whatsoever, in any of their toothes, more then is necessarie for the finishing of the same, and that they take not aboue y^e rate of xii. d. for the ounce of golde, (besides the fashion) more then the buyer shall or may be allowed for the same at the Quenes exchange or minte, vppon payne to forsayte the value of the thyng so solde or exchanged: and that from the sayde xx. day of Aprill, no Goldsmith shall make, sell, or exchange, in any place within this Realme, any plate or Goldsmithes

smithes wares of syluer, lesse in finenes then that of eleuen ounces two pennis weyght, nor take aboue the rate of. xii. d. for every pounde weight of plate or wares of syluer, besydes the fashion, more then the buyer shall or maye be allowed for the same at the Queenes exchaunge or minte: nor put to sale, exchaunge, or sell, any plate or golde smithes worke of syluer, before he hath set his owne marke to so muche thereof as conueniently may beare the same, upon payne to forsaite the value of the thyng so solde or exchanged. And if any goldsmith shall make any goldsmithes worke or plate, and the same after the sayde twentie day of aprill shall be touched, marked, and allowed for good, by the wardens or Masters of that mysterie, and in the same there shall be found any falsehood or deceit: then the wardens and corporacion of that mysterie, for the tyme being, shall forsaite and pay the value of the thyng so exchanged or solde: the one moytie of al which forsaitures, shall be to the vse of the Queenes Maestie, & the other moytie to the vse of suche partie greeued and susteynyng losse thereby, as will sue for the same in any court of Recorde, by action, bill, playnt, information, or other wyse, wherein no essoigne, protection, or wager of lawe, shall be admitted for the defendaunt.

An acte for the tolleracion

of certayne Clothiers in the Counties of Wiltes,

*Sommerfet, and Gloucester, to inhabite out of
Townes Corporate.*

Chapter. xvj.



Whereas in the Parliament holden at Westminter, in the fourth and fyfth yeeres of the raignes of our late Soueraigne Lord and Lady King Philip and Queene Marie, one statute was made, entituled, *An Acte touching the making of woollen clothes,* whereby (among other things) it was ordeined and enacted, by the auctoritie of the sayd Parliament, that from & after the first day of May the next comming, no person nor persons whatsoeuer, should vse, or exercise the seate or mysterie of making, weauring, or rowing of wooll cloth, long or short, or harsenes, pynned whites, or plaine streites, to & inter to put the same to sale, but onely in a market towne where cloth had commonly ben vsed to be made by & space of x. yeeres then last past, or in a Citie, Borough, or Towne

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Twine corporate, upon payne of forfeiture for every such woollen cloth or hatterie, made, woven, or towed out of such Citie, Borough, Twine corporate, or market Towne, &c. as by the sayde Acte amongst diuers clauses, articles, and promisors, conteyned in the same, more plainly is exprested.

And forasmuch as others and sundry persons, haue heretofore of long tyme bled and exercised, and at this present do ble and exercise, the seate and myserie of clothmaking in the Countiees of Sommerfet, Wyltesyre, and Gloucester, and haue to their great costes and charges, planted them selues and their dwelling houses, dispersedly throughout the sayde Countiees, and neyther in Citiees, Boroughes, Twines corporate, or market Townes, as myght, and may serue most conveniently for the ble and exercise of the sayde seate and myserie, as namely about the rivers of frome water, Kingeswood water, the ryuers of Auen, Wyllisbourne, and Salisbury bournes, and Stroode water, in the sayde Countiees of Sommerfet, Wyltesyre, and Gloucester, and the braunches of the same waters: and also for that the sayde places and waters are very good and apt for clothyng, togeather with the great number of fullyng Wilnes and other woorkeshouses therunto adioyning, mainteyned by the clothmaking in the villages and parishes thereaboutes:

And forasmuch also as a great multitude of poore people, as weauers, Tuckers, Spinners, and such like, haue of long tyme heretofore, and at this present do inhabit and dwell neare vnto the sayde places and waters, by meanes of the great clothmaking there, heretofore and now bled, and haue been onely relieved and kept by the same, and also for that great inconvenience myght ensue within the sayd Countiees of Sommerfet, Wyltesyre, and Gloucester, in removing and placing of such a multitude, in or within any Citie, Borough, Twine corporate, or market Towne, according to the meaning of the sayde Acte: Be it therefore enacted by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, with the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, that the sayde braunche and clauise of the sayde statute, as touching chiefly the seate or exercise of the seate or myserie of making, weauing, or rowing of any woollen clothes, to the intent to put the same to sale, but only in market Towne, Citie, Borough, or Twine Corporate, and all and every the penalties and forfeitures, by reason of the sayde braunche onely, against any such persons, as hath bled, or hereafter shall ble and exercise the sayde seate and myserie of making, weauing, or rowing of any woollen cloth, within the sayde Countiees of Sommerfet,

Sommerfet, Wylteshyre, and Gloucester, or any of them, shalbe from hencefoorth repealed and made voyde, any thyng conteyned in the sayde Acte, or in any other Acte heretofore made to the contrarye thereof, in any wyse notwithstanding.

And further be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no person or persons, no we dwelling or abyding, or which hereafter shall dwell or abyde, within the sayde Counties of Sommerfet, Wylteshyre, and Gloucester, or any of them, shall from hencefoorth be or exercise the sayde seate and mysterie of making, weaving, or rowing of any woollen cloth, or clothes, out of any Citie, Borough, Towne corporate, or market Towne, except onely within suche houses & places in the sayde Counties of Sommerfet, Wylteshyre, and Gloucester, or any of them, as such woollen clothes have been most commonly used to be made, wouen, or rowed, by the space of tenne yeeres next before the making of this Acte, bypon payne of forsaiture for every suche cloth, made, wouen, or rowed, contrary to this present Act. b. li. the one moytie of which forsaiture, shalbe to our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres and successours, and the other moytie, to hym or them that wyl sue for the same.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that suche person or persons, as after the feast of S. Michael Tharchaungel next commynge, shall be or exercise the trade or mysterie of cloth-making, in any of the sayde houses and places, out of a Citie, Borough, Towne corporate, or market Towne, within the sayde Counties, or any of them, whiche now dooth not be and exercise the same trade or mysterie, shall not keepe in his or theyr occupatiō or manurance, above twentie acres of lande, meddowe, and pasture, at the most.

And that every person now being or exercising the sayd trade or mysterie, out of a Citie, Borough, Towne corporate, or market Towne, within the sayde Counties, or any of them, shall not have or take in, or into his or theyr occupatiō or manurance, any land, meddowe, or pasture, but that whiche he or they now have, or as muche onely in lieu thereof, bypon payne of forsaiture for every acre of land, meddow, and pasture, by such person or persons, occupied or manured contrary to the tenor of this Acte, for every yeere that he shall so occupie the same, and so be the trade of cloth making, b. s. viii. d. And that all and every such forsaitures hereafter to be due by force of this statute, shalbe divided equally in two partes, whereof the one shalbe to the Queenes byghnesse, her heyres and successours, & the other to hym or them that wyl sue for the same.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that every person or persons, bying by this statute allowed

to use or exercise the seate or myserie of making, weaving, or ro-
myng of wollen cloth, long or short, or karkeses, pinned whities, or
playne freytes, not being by the former statute allowed therunto,
shalbe subject to suche search, forsaitures, & other orders, as other
persons dwelling out of Boroughes and Townes corporate, al-
lowed of by the sayde former statute, or any other statutes, were
subject of bounde vnto, before the making of this Act: Any thing
in this Act conteyned to the contrarie, notwithstanding.

An act for the perpetual maintenance of Rochester Bridge.

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EW the good repaixe and perpetuall main-
tenance of Rochester Bridge in Kent, and for
the good order of the rentes and reuenues,
arise of the lands geue for the maintenance
of the sayde Bridge, as of the landes of an-
cient tyme contributorye to the repaixe of the
same Bridge: be it ordeyned and enacted by
the authoritie of this present Parliament,

that on the morowe after the generall quarter Sessions of the
peace holden in the sayde Countie of Kent, next after the feast of
Easter next commynge, the Wardens and Communaltie of the lan-
des contributorye to the sayde Rochester Bridge, or as many of
them as conveniently may, shall assemble them selves at the Ca-
stle of Rochester, neare to the sayde Rochester Bridge, and there
by the mooste number of theyr boyces then present, to make an
election of two persons of the same Communaltie, to be the Ward-
ens of the sayde Rochester Bridge, suche as then shalbe mooste
commonly resident and house keeping within the sayde Countie
of Kent, and then not knownen to be of any such debilitie or sick-
nesse, but that they may execute the same office, and of twelue per-
sons of the sayde Communaltie to be assistantes to the sayde two
Wardens, for one whole yeere after the first day of Whetecost then
next ensuyng: and so from thence forth for ever, at the sayde day
and place, a yearly election to be made of two Wardens for the
sayde Bridge, and of sixteene assistantes to them: And the two Wardens
and sixteene assistantes (for that yere to come they are to serve as Wardens)
shall do their diligent endeavour, for the better of the sayde Bridge,
and

and shall receiue the synes, rentes, and reuenues, of the landes and tenementes belonging to the sayde Bridge, and of all contribution money payable to the vse of the sayde Bridge, and shall aunswere and pay out of the same, as cause shall require. And every such of the same two wardens so chosen, as then shalbe there present, shall then and there become bounde in a competent summe of money to the former wardens, that he, his executors, or administratours, according to the meaning of this statute, shall make an accompt of all those synes, rentes, and reuenues of the sayde Bridges landes, and of all contribution money, or other dueties whatsoever, whiche for or concerning the sayde Bridge shal come to his handes, and shal make payment of the arrearages founde vpon such accompt. And of every such election of any person to be warden (whiche shalbe then absent) notice shalbe geuen by a letter therof, sent from one, or both of the former wardens, and deliuered at the dwelling house of such absent person elected, bypon payne of. b. li. for not deliuerie of such letter in fourne aforesayde. And that every such person so absent and elected warden, before the feast of Pentecost then next ensuyng, being the custos rotulorum of the sayde Countie, or two Iustices of the peace within that Countie, one being of the Quorum, shall become bounde to lyke effect, as afoze is mentioned for the elected warden present. And that every warden elected as afozesayde, whiche shal refuse to become bound as is afozesayde, shal forsayte and pay. xli. the same to be recovered by the former wardens (to the vse of the sayde Bridge) by action of debt bypon that speciall matter, in whiche action, no wager of lawe, esdigne, or protection, shalbe allowed for the defendaunt. And if they or either of them so elected and become bounde, shall fortune to dye before the tyme of that yere for whiche he is so elected, or so elected shall refuse not withstanding the paynes afozesayde: then at the quarter Sessions of the peace to be holden within the sayde Countie, of Kent, in convenient tyme next after such death or refusall, and before the prescribed day of election, in place of every such so refusing or dying, an other person of the Commynaltie, contributory and resident as afoze sayde, by the Iustices of the peace being at the same quarter Sessions, and by the other warden and twelve assistants afoze mentioned, or by the more part of them, whiche shalbe present at the sayde Sessions, shalbe chosen to be warden to serue to the ende of that yere, who shall within a tyme convenient to be prefixed at the same Sessions, become bounde in fourne and to lyke effect as is afoze mentioned, and under lyke payne as afoze is mentioned: and so forth yere to yere for ever to be supplied, as often as any such vacation of warden shall happen. And every yere

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at or after the sayde prefired day for election of the sayde two wardens, and twelue assistauntes, all other officers needefull concerning the sayde Bridge, and theyr shippes and wages also, from tyme to tyme shalbe appoynted by the discretion of the sayde two elected Wardens. And that every yeere on the Thursday in the whitsun weeke, the two former Wardens of the sayde Bridge for the yeere endyng, at the feast of Pentecost then last past, theyr executours, or administratours, shall in presence of the newe and last chosen Wardens, or of one of them, and before such foure of the sayde assistauntes, as shalbe chosen and assigned for Auditors by the sayde Wardens and Communitie, at the sayde prefired day for election of Wardens then last past, or the more part of them, recorde by a true account in wrytyng, in the house called the Crowne Ynne in Rochester, neare to the sayde Bridge, and parcell of the possessions of the sayde Bridge, or at some other place convenient, at the same prefired day of election to be limited, of all theyr receiptes, paymentes, and doynages, concerning the sayde Bridge, and the arrerages bypon them founde, ouer and above suche allowances as by suche accomptauntes shalbe demaunded bypon his othe, shall pay in sache fourme, as shalbe to them limited by the sayd newe Wardens and Auditors, or the more part of them. And further, that none of the sayde assistauntes or Auditors, chosen and assigned in fourme aforesayde, shall bypon reasonable notice and request, refuse to come and accomplishe that, whiche by the intent and meanyng of this Acte is limited for hym to doo; bypon lyke payne and forfayture to all intentes and purposes, as bypon the warden elected and refusing to become bounde, as is before limited.

And for the good order of the sayde landes belonging to the said Bridge, be it ordeyned and enacted by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that no lease hereafter to be made by the sayde Wardens and Communitie, shalbe made of any the landes and tenementes assured for the maintenaunce, of the sayde Bridge, but both the Wardens chosen as aforesayde, and the sayde twelue assistauntes, or the more part of the same assistauntes, shall by the consent, and also subscribe to the same lease, after it is engrossed, and before it shalbe entialed; and the consent and subscribing of the two Wardens, and of suche number of assistauntes, shalbe in law the consent of the whole Wardens and Communitie aforesayde. And every suche lease to be entred & registred in a register booke, to be kept by the Wardens for the tyme being, in a chest, with the common seale and evidences of the landes of the sayde Bridge, in some place convenient. And after suche lease assented unto, engrossed, and subscribed as aforesaid, then it to be sealed by the com-

mon Seale of the sayde Wardens and Comminaltie, and deliue-
red for a sufficient leasse in lawe.

¶ Provided alwayes, that no leasse of any of the sayde landes
belongyng to the Bridge, shall hereafter be made, but of suche
fourme and effect as Tenaunt in tayle is warranted lawfully
to make by the statute made in the. xxii. peere of the raigne of
kyng Henry the eight: sayyng for houses not hauyng aboue
three acres of lande belongyng to them, whereof leasses may be
made by the assentes afore mentioned for terme of fyftie peeres or
vnder.

¶ Provided also, that the leasses of the premisses shall not be made
for any synes or incomes, but for rentes reasonably to be aduanc-
ed for the profite of the saide Bridge. And that by the tenor of eu-
ry suche leasse, at ende of euery seuenth peere, a true terro: of al the
landes and rentes so demised shalbe brought, and deliuered to the
wardens for that tyme beyng, and that the sayde wardens shall
haue aucthoritie by inquisition of Iuries from tyme to tyme, to
suruey and fynde out the particulers and contentes, not onely of
the landes proper belongyng to the sayde bridge, but also of the
sayde other landes contributorye to the same Bridge.

¶ Provided furthermoze, that suche as be the present fermours
of any of the sayde landes proper belongyng to the Bridge, shall
haue the preferment in takyng newe leasses: so as they wyll geue
for the profite of the sayde Bridge as muche as any other bona fide
wyll.

And mozeouer, that yf any present fermour, not likyng to geue
as another wyll, shall not take a newe leasse, but another shal for-
tune to haue the same new leasse: that then the old fermour shall
for his betteryng or buyldynges, haue suche recompence, as shalbe
thought reasonable by agreement betwene the sayde wardens
and assisantes and the sayde fermour: and in default of agree-
ment betweene them, then suche recompence as shalbe thought
meete by the Lord Chawncellour, or the Lord Treasourer of Eng-
lande for the tyme beyng.

¶ Provided also that this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned,
extend not to alter any thyng, but that in actions and suites, tou-
chyng the landes or rentes, or other interestes and duties concer-
nyng the said Bridge, the wardens alone, without the assisantes,
or any of the Comminaltie, be and shalbe able to sue and be sued,
accordyng to the meanyng of the statute in that behalf made, in
the. ix. peere of the raigne of kyng Henry the fyfth.

¶ Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie afore-
sayde, that none of the owners or ternaunttes of any the landes or
tenementes of auncient tyme contributorye to the repaue or
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maintenance of the sayd Bridge, shal hereafter be tared, assessed, or otherwise compelled to pay any cōtribution money, or other due- tie, towarde the repaie or maintenance of the sayde Bridge, but in default, and at such tyme and tymes only, as the rentes or other profits of the landes, proper and belonging to the sayde Bridge, from tyme to tyme due and payable to the Wardens and Commu- naltie of the sayde Bridge, shal not be sufficient to accomplishe the repaie and maintenance of the sayde Bridge: anye thynge to the contrary, notwithstanding.

An act for the repayring of Chepstowe Bridge.

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Lamentable theweth and complayneth in this present Parliament, the inhabitantes of the greatest parte of Southwales, that whereas a certayne great Bridge of wood, called Chepstowes Bridge, is standing ouer the water of wyde, whiche parteth the Countie of Gloucester and Monmoth, separateth the lordshipp of Chepstowe aforesayde, in the sayde Countie of Monmoth, and the lordshipp of Tyddenham, in the sayde Countie of Gloucester, and is the meetest and most neces- sarie passage and hygh way that leadeth into the partes of South- wales, and out of the same to London, Bishowe, and other partes of Englande, whiche Bridge hauing nothyng to mainteyne the same, is of late fallen to great ruine and decay, and is lykely dayly to fal, whereby the sayde hygh way shalbe from hencefoorth bette- ly taken away, to great noplance and hurt of a great multitude of the Queenes Maiesties subiectes trauallyng those partes. And albeit one act of Parliament was made in the two and twentieth yere of the raigne of our late Soueraigne Lorde of famous me- morie kyng Henrie the eyght, entituled, An act concernyng repa- ryng and amendyng of Bridges in hygh wayes, in whiche acte a- mongst other thynges it is enacted, that if parte of anye decayed Bridge happen to be in one Shyre, Riding, Citie, or Towne Cor- porate, and the other part thereof in another Shyre, Rydyng, Ci- tie, or Towne Corporate, or if part be within any limittes of any Citie or Towne Corporate, and part without, or part within one Rydyng, and part within another: that then in euery sache case, the inhabitantes of the Shyres, Rydynges, Cities, or Townes Corporate, shalbe charged and chargeable to amende, make, and repaie, suche parte and portion of such Bridges so decayed, as shal

lye and be within the limittes of the Shyre, Rydyng, or Towne Corporate, wherein they be inhabited at the tyme of the sayde decapies, as by the said act (amongst other things) moze playnly doth and may appeare. Yet for that at the tyme of the making of the sayde statute, the foresayde parishes of Tiddenham and Towne of Chepstowe, were not as then vnited and annexed to the sayde Countie of Gloucester and Monmoth, but sithence in the. xxvii. yeere of the sayde late king Henry the eyght, by force of one act, entitled, An acte for lawes and iustice to be ministred in Wales, in lyke fourme as it is in the Realme: and now by reason of certayne wordes conteyned in the sayd last act, as also by reason of great pueritie of the inhabitauntes of the foresayd Towne of Chepstowe, diuers questions & doubttes haue arysen, how & by what meanes the foresayde Bridge shalbe repayred, amended, or newe made.

For declaration and explanation whereof, and for remedie in the premisses, be it enacted by the Queene our soueraigne Lady, and by the consent of the lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and Commons assembled in this present Parliament, that the Shyre or Countie of Gloucester, and the Shyre or Countie of Monmoth, shal stande for euermore chargeable for the maintenaunce, repaying, amending, and newe making of the foresaide Bridge, when and as often as neede shal require, vidz. euery of them for such part and moztie as lyeth to the myddle of the streame of the foresayde water of Wyde, on the sydes of the foresayd lordshippes of Chepstowe and Tiddenham aforesayde, and that for the assesment, ratyng, collection, geathering, and imploying of the monyes therupon to be spent, suche fourme and order shalbe obserued, as is appoynted by the foresayd act made in the. xxii. yeere of the sayde kyng Henry the eyght.

And for the moze speedie perfourmaunce of the premisses, be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that yf the Iustices of peace of the foresayde Shyres of Gloucester or Monmoth, or any of them, do make any default in not appoyntyng, executyng, and obseruyng the order appoynted by the sayde acte, for the sessement, collection, and imployment of the monyes so to be collected, according to the meaning of the sayde act, by the space of thre monethes next after this present Session of Parliament, that then they and euery of them beyng resident, and inhabiting in the sayd Shyres, shal forsayte for suche default, the summe of. x. li. a peece, to be recovered before the Queenes Maiesties Counsell in the Marches of Wales by information, to be employed to and for the bte and reparation of the foresayde Bridge.

Enacted at the City of London, the xiiij. day of Maye, in the xviij. yere of the sayde Queene.

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An acte for the paving of the Citie of Chichester.

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Proasmuche as by reason of great repayre to and through the Citie of Chichester, aswel to the market there, as for the keeping of Sessions and other meetinges in sitting vppon commissions & other assayes for & Queenes Maiesties seruice, and ease of the people of the countrey there, as also by reason of great cariages, from time to time passing through

the sayd Citie, to the haven therbinto neere adioyrning, the streetes of the same Citie haue become very mserie, and full of watrie and durtie places, both lothsome and nopsome, aswell to the inhabitants of the sayde Citie, as to all the Queenes Maiesties Subiectes, hauing recourse to or through the sayde Citie. For the amendement whereof, the Maior and Citizens of the sayde Citie, haue of late peeres at the onely costes and charges of the sayde Citie, paved a great part thereof, as in the market places, and other places of greatest repayre, whereby the people of the sayde Citie and Countrey neare adioyrning, haue receiued great pleasure and ease, and yet finding that the commoditie and pleasure thereof, is nothing so great as it woulde be, yf the residue of the sayde Citie were paved. And although the sayd Maior and Citizens are very willing to persourne the same, yet they finding the charge and burden thereof so great, as that the saide Maior and Citizens are not able to persourne of the stocke of the saide Citie, without the helpe & contribution of the freeholders & terre tenauntes within the saide Citie: the sayde Maior, Citizens, & inhabitauntes of the saide Citie, do therfore humbly pray, that it may be enacted by our Soueraigne Lady & Queene, the lordes spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons of this present Parliament assembled, and by thauthortie of the same, that all & singuler person and persons, their heires and successours, now being, or which hereafter shalbe immediate owiers, landlobes, or terre tenauntes, of any houses, lands, or tenements within the said Citie, of any estate or estates, in fee simple, fee taylor, for lyfe, or peeres, shall from time to tyme, & at all times from & after the feast of pentecost next comming, after the end of this present session of Parliament, at & by thassignemēt or appointment of the Maior of the sayd Citie for the time being, aswell paie or cause to be paved with good paving stones along

from and agaynst his or theyr house and houses, landes, and tenementes adioynnyng to the streete, so muche of the sayde streete in length to the channell, or to suche place as the channell there shalbe, by the said Mayor for the tyme beyng appoynted to, vpon paine to lose and forfaiture for every yarde square not sufficiently paved in fourme aforesayde, within two monethes after warnyng thereof gotten, by the Mayor for the tyme being, the same beyng presented before the sayde Mayor of the sayde Citie for the tyme being, by the othes of twelve honest and substantiall men of the sayde Citie, being sworn for that purpose, the summe of .iii. s. .iiii. d. of lawfull money of England, and that the sayd owners, landlozdes, or terre tenants, and all and every person and persons, having, or which hereafter shall have, any house, houses, landes, or tenementes, in fee simple, fee taylor, or for terme of yere or yeeres, adioynnyng to any of the great streetes within the sayd Citie, called the East, West, North, and South streetes, their heyres and successours, shal from the sayde feast of Pentecost next commyng after this present Session of Parliament, sufficiently from tyme to tyme mainteyne and repayre (as often as shalbe needefull) the pavement of the sayde streete and streetes so adioynnyng, with lyke stone, agaynst all and every their houses, landes and tenementes, in suche and lyke manner as is aboue declared, vpon paine of forfaiture for every yarde square of the same, not sufficiently repayed and amended, and presented in maner and fourme aforesayd, twentie pence of lawfull Englishe money, and that all the sayde forfaitures aboue mentioned, shalbe to the vses of the Mayor and Citizens of the sayde Citie, and theyr successours, towards the maintenance, and repaying of the walles of the sayde Citie.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the Mayor of the sayde Citie for the tyme being, and his successours, shall from tyme to tyme hereafter, have full power and auctoritie once every quarter of a yere, after the feast of Pentecost aforesayde, within the sayde Citie, to enquire by the othes of twelve honest and substantiall men of the same Citie, of suche default of paving, or of not repaying, or amending of the said pavements, and for every fault so before the Mayor presented by the sayde twelve men, he the sayde Mayor shall have also power and auctoritie to lewie, or cause to be lewied by distresse or other lawfull meanes, in or vpon the sayde houses, landes, or tenementes, the sayde severall forfaitures and summes of money assessed.

And that the sayde Mayor and Citizens, and their successours for the tyme being, shal and may from tyme to tyme make such like avowry, cognisance, or justification for the same, as may be made for arrearages of rent charge, by the common lawes of this realme,

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and shal haue like iudgement of a for costes, damages, & returre,
prouided alwayes, that yf the tenauntes and leasses, for peeres
or at wyll, of the sayde houses, landes, or tenementes, within
the Citie of Chichester aforesayde, doo sufficiently paue, or repayre
the streetes, before their mansions or dwelling places in fourne
aforesayde, that then they and euery of them, shall and may de-
falke, abate, and reterne in his or theyr owne handes, as much
rent as shalbe due to their lessors or others, to whom the imme-
diate reuertion of theyr sayde houses, landes, or tenementes do be-
long, as they can duely prooue to haue been expended by them by-
pon the same pauing, and the same so defalked, shalbe to all in-
tentes accompted as payed to their lessors, in suche forme as by
their seuerall leases is appoynted to be payde. And the sayde less-
ors, or they to whom such rent shalbe due, to haue no action or ti-
tle of reentrie, for, or by reason of the non payment of so muche of
the same rent as shalbe defalked: except the sayde tenauntes and
leasses haue otherwyle couenaunted to make & same pauements
at their owne costes and charges, or to beare or to saue harme-
lesse their lessors, of all charges, paymentes, or dueties, issuing
out of, or to be imposed bypon: suche their houses, landes, or tene-
mentes.

An acte for the repayryng

*and amendyng of the bridges and bygh wayes,
neare vnto the Citie of Oxford,*

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Enchaunce as your highnesses vniuers-
site and Citie of Oxorde, hath receyued
from your highness, and your noble Proge-
nitours, great priuiledges & prerogatiues,
as also thynhabitantes and dwellers with-
in the compass and precinct of fyue myles
therunto adioynyng, as cheetely by a statute
made in the seconde and thirde yeece of King
Philip and Queene Marie, entituled, An acte that no puerpore
shoulde take any grayne, corne, or other victuall, within the com-
passe or precinct of fyue myles of the sayde Citie, and in the thir-
teenth yeece of your Maesties raigne, hath been renued and en-
larged. By meane whereof, the inhabitantes aforesayde, not only

to them selues, but to their posteritie, by the markets of your sayde Citie, is like to reape much gaine, profite, commoditie, and aduantage, by vtterance of their corne, grayne, and victuall, sauving that the wayes, bridges, and passages, leading from your highnesles Manours, and other places of this Realme to your highnesles Citie (being for the most part water woorkes) within these two yeeres, by force of waters are so decayed, fallen downe, and impaired, that your highnesse and subiects, with your and their cariage traauayling that way, as others traauayling out of al partes of this Realme, are much anoyed and incumbered, and the inhabitants there are not able, without great daunger, to trauayle or repayre vnto the sayd Citie, or bring to the markets theyr corne, grayne, victuall, or other necessities, to the great hurt of the sayd Citie, as dearth lyke to insue within the vniuersitie and Citie.

May it therefore please your highnesse, that it may be enacted by this present Parliament, that every person and persons, resident, dwelling or inhabiting within the compasse, circuite, or precinct of fyue myles of your highnesles vniuersite and Citie of Oxford, or franchises of the same, hauing in his or theyr handes or occupation, to the vse of hym selfe, or any other, the quantitie of one yard land or bywarde, in tyllage, pasture, or other groundes: or hauing, keeping, vsing, or occupying a Draught Cart, Plough, or wayne, at his and theyr owne proper costes and charges, shall fynde and send, or cause to be found and sent, for and to the mending, repaying, and bybuilding of the decayed bridges, wayes, & passages, situate, lying and being within one mile of the sayd Citie of Oxford, for every yard land, one wayne or Draught Cart, furnished after the custome of þe Countrey, with oren, horse, or other cattel, with al other necessities meete & conuenient to carry thynges for such maner of purpose, with able men to lode & unlode the same Draught Cart, or wayne. And euery other houtholder, cottager, or labourer, dwelling or inhabiting within the foresayd compasse, precinct, or circuite (being no byred seruant) shall by his or their selues, or other sufficient labourer, hauing with them sufficient tooles, at their lyke proper costes & charges, fynde & send, in, & to the mending, repaying, & bybuilding of the decayed bridges, wayes, causes, and passages, one sufficient man or labourer, to woorken labour in & vpon the aforesayd decayed premisses. And that every person or persons that by the meanyng of this act, is chargeable with cart, cariage, woorken, or labour, shall by þe commaundement or commaundements of certayne superuisors hereafter to be appoynted & nominated by the Vicechancellor and Mayor, with other Iudices of the vniuersitie & Citie of Oxford for the time being, by the space of fyve whole dayes, shall doo their cartages,

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cariages, keepe they: woozke, fetche their cariages, and doo they: labour, at suche place and places, and in such woozkes, as to them or any of them shalbe nominated and appointed. And vpon payne that euery person or persons making default abouesayd, for euery dayes default, or any part thereof, shall lose and forsayte. v. s. to be leuyed and imployed onely to the mendyng of the sayde Bridges and Cauesies.

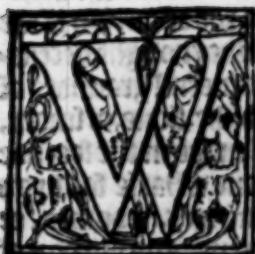
And that it shalbe lawfull to and for the aforesayde superuisors for the tyme beyng, for the more speedie amendment of the aforesayde decayes, in suche place and places, as by the discretion of the vicechauncellour, Maior, or superuisors, shalbe thought necessarie, to digge, or cause to be digged, within the seuerall groundes of any person or persons, for grauell, sande, rubbishe, stone, or linder, and other thynges, accordyng to the statute made in the seconde and thirde yeere of kyng Philip and Queene Marie for hygh wayes. And that the aforesayde sixe dayes cariages, woozkes, or labours, accordyng to the true meanyng, intent, and purport of this present act, shalbe doone, fynished, and perfourmed, by all manner of person or persons by this act chargeable, betwene the feast of John Baptist, next after this present Session of Parliament, & the feast of all Saintes next after that. And vpon twelue dayes warnyng geuen, or sent in wytyng from the vicechauncellour and Maior of the cite of Oxforde for the tyme beyng, or from eyther of them, to the Constable or other officer of any Borough, Parish, head officer, or gouernour of euery other place whatsoeuer, that by this acte ought to serue.

And for the perfourmance of this acte, be it enacted, that if any person or persons, shall make any default as is aforesayde, hauing not made any manner of reasonable composition or agreement for the same default, that then it shalbe lawfull for the vicechauncellour, and the Maior of the Cite of Oxforde for the tyme beyng, or other the officers appointed, to distreigne within any the Boroughes, Townes, parishes, or other places, where such person or persons dwelleth, that maketh default, or refuseth. And the same distresse to leade, dreue, and carie away, and the same to withhold, tyl they and enery of them haue, or shall pay the forsaithures limited and appoynted in this present acte, as also the charges of keeping of suche distresse so taken.

Provided alwayes and be it enacted, that this acte shal endure for the space of seven yeeres next ensuyng the ende of this present Parliament, and from thence to the ende of the Parliament then next folowynge, and no longer.

An acte for the reliefe and reedifying of the Borough of newe Woodstocke in the Countie of Oxforde.

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Here the Borough Towne of newe Woodstocke, in the Countie of Oxford, is fallen into great pouertie, ruine, and decay, whiche was wont to be cheefely supported by the acceſſe of the Kynges and Queenes of this Realme, the Queenes Maieſties noble progenitours, vnto theyr Honour of Woodstocke, whiche hath very ſeldome happened for many yeeres now paſt, which Borough beyng reedified, would be very neceſſarie for many Artificers of ſundry occupations and myſteries, yf any bent or traffike might there be had and mainteyned, whereby the ſayde Artificers drawen thither, might lyue and mainteyne them ſelues and their families.

And where it is thought and certaynely knowen, that the free buying and ſelling of wooll, yarne, and clothmaking in the ſayde Borough, beyng in the myddest of the Realme, farre diſtant from the Seas, and in Cotſolde, from whence great ſtoze of very good wooles are gotten, would be a great aduancement & enrichyng to the ſame, without preiudice or hurt to any, and a ſpeciall meane whereby many poore people there, & in the countreys enuiſtroyng, ſhoulde be well ſet on worke and releued, as in ſpynnyng, cardyng, weauyng, fullenyng, and ſuche lyke.

And ſo much as the ſayd Towne and Borough, is a very ſit place both to diſpatche and make a ſtaple of wooles, which would be alſo very commodious and profitable to the countrey there aboutes: be it therefore enacted by the auctoritie of this preſent Parliament, that from henceforth it ſhall and may be lawfull to and for all & every perſon and perſons, freely to buye and ſell with in the ſayd Borough of newe Woodstocke, al maner of wooles and yarnes, brought or to be brought into the ſayd Borough, vpon the ſhual markets and ſayre dayes, and the ſame wooles and yarnes to ſell and imploy to their beſt proſite and auantage: any ſtatute or ſtatutes, blage or preſcription heretofore had, made, or provided to the contrary, in any wyſe notwithstanding.

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An act for confirmation of a Subsidie graunted by the Cleargie.

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WHERE the Prelates and Cleargie of the Province of Canterbury, haue lowngly and liberally, for certayne considerations, geuen and graunted to the Queenes Maiestie a Subsidie of fyre shillings of the pound, to be taken and leued of all singuler theyr promotions spirituall within the sayde province, duryng the tearme of three yeeres nowe next ensuing, in such certayne maner and fourme, and with suche exceptions and prouissions, as be specified and conteyned in a certayne instrument by them thereof made, and deliuered to the Queenes byghnesse, vnder the seale of the most reuerend father in God, Edmund nowe Archbishop of Canterbury, and Primate of all Englande: whiche instrument is nowe exhibited in this present Parliament to be ratified, the tenor whereof ensueth in these wordes.

The Prelates and Cleargie of the province of Canterbury, being lawfully congregated and assembled togeather in a Conuocation or Synode, considering theyr bounden dueties to your Maiestie, theyr most naturall and gracious Soueraigne Lady, and hauyng in remembrance the manifold & ample benefites which they dayly receiue, not onely by your most gracious and godly gouernement, whereby they be conserued in peace and quietnesse, and so more able to serue God, and intende to theyr office and vocation; but also, and that most cheefely, by the setting forth and aduancing of Gods most holy woorde, and his sincere and true religion in this your Realme, and abolishing of all forraigne power contrarie to the same: Considering also the great charges, wherewith it can not be but that your Maiestie from tyme to tyme is lyke to be burdened, in defendyng and preseruyng this your Realme, with other your highnesse dominions, and natural subiectes, in Christian peace & tranquillitie, agaynst all assaults of forraigne enemies.

In consideration of the premysse, and for a true declaration of theyr bounden dueties, good hartes and myndes to your Maiestie, with one vniuersall agreement, accorde, and consent togeather, with most hartie good will, haue geuen & graunted, and by these presentes

presentes doo geue and graunt to your hyghnes, your heyes, and
 successours, one Subsidie in maner and forme following, That
 is to say, That euery Archbishop, Bishop, Deane, Archdeacon,
 Prouost, maister of Colledge, Prebendarie, Parson, Rector, and euery
 other person and persons, of whatsoeuer name or degree he
 or they be, within the prouince of Canterburie, enioying any spi-
 rituall promotion, or other tempozall possessions to the same spi-
 rituall promotion annexed, howe not diuided or separated by acte
 of Parliament, or otherwise, from the possession of the Cleargie,
 shall pay to your hyghnesse, your heyes, and successours, for euery
 pounce that he may pecerely dispende by reason of the sayde spi-
 rituall promotion, the summe of. vi. s. And for the true and certayne
 value of all the promotions, & euery of them, wherof the payment
 of this Subsidie shall be made, the rate, taxation, valuation, and
 estimation, nowe remainyng of recorde in your Maiesties coun-
 te of Exchequer, for the payment of the perpetuall disme or tenth,
 graunted to your Maiesties most noble father, in the xvi. yeere of
 his raigne, concernyng suche promotions as now be in possession
 of the Cleargie, or of any other, not diuided by any acte of Parlia-
 ment, or otherwise alienated from the possession of the Cleargie,
 shall onely be folowed and obserued, without making any valua-
 tion, rate, taxation, or estimation, other then in the sayde recorde
 is nowe comprised.

Provided alwayes, that soasmuch as the tenth part of the sayd
 rate and valuation before mentioned, is pecerely payd to your hygh-
 nesse for the sayde perpetuall disme, so as there remaineth onely
 niene partes to the Incumbent cleare: this Subsidie of. vi. s. the
 pounce, shall be vnderstanded and meant of euery pounce onely of
 the sayde niene partes, and of no more.

Provided alwayes, that no person that is already promoted to
 any benefice or spirituall promotion, and hath compounded with
 your Maiestie for the fyrst frutes of the same, sithen the second day
 of October last past, in the yeere of our Lorde. 1575, or that is, or
 hereafter shall be promoted to any benefice or spirituall promotion,
 shall compound with your Maiestie, your heyes, or successours,
 for the fyrst frutes of the same, on this side the second day of Octo-
 ber, which shall be in the yeere of our Lorde. 1578, shall be contribu-
 tarie or charged for the same benefice or promotion, to your hygh-
 nesse, your heyes, or successours, with any part of this Subsidie,
 duryng the fyrst yeere after the tyme of any suche compoundyng
 for his fyrst frutes. And that euery suche person already promoted
 to any benefice or spirituall promotion, as hath compounded with
 your Maiestie for the fyrst frutes of the same, before the se-
 conde day of October, in the yeere our Lorde. 1574, and the
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sayde seconde day of October in the yere of our Lorde. 1575. shalbe contributarie or charged for the same promotion to your highnesse, your heyres, or successours, but onely with the mortie of the fyrst payment of the sayde Subsidie, in respect that the mortie of his fyrst frutes for the saide promotion remayned unpaide vnto your Maiestie the sayde seconde of October, one thousande, fyue hundred, seuentie and fyue.

And your Prelates and Cleargie also doo graunt, that this Subsidie of vi. s. the pound, of the niene partes of the yereely value of euery promotion spirituall aforesayde, within the sayd Province tared as is aforesaide, shalbe payde to your Maiestie, your heyres, and successours, within three yeres next ensuing the date hercof, in maner and fourme folowynge. That is to say, Two shyllinges of euery pounde aforesayde, in euery of the said three yeres. The fyrst payment thereof, to be due at the seconde day of October next ensuing, in the yere of our Lorde one thousande, fyue hundred, threescore, and sixtene. And the seconde payment thereof to be due at the seconde day of October, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lord, one thousande, fyue hundred, threescore and seventeene. And the thirde payment thereof to be due at the seconde day of October, in the yere of our Lorde, one thousande, fyue hundred, threescore and eyghtene, to be deliuered and payde yereely by suche person and persons, as in this present graunt shalbe appointed to haue the collection thereof, to the Lorde high Treasurer, or vnder Treasurer of Englande for the tyme being, or to suche other person or persons, and in suche place or places, as it shall please your highnesse to appoynt, to be payde at or before the thre and twentieth day of Ianuarie, in euery of the sayde three yeres, without paying any thing to the Receauer, or to any other Officer or persons, to be assigned for the receipt thereof, for any acquittance, or other discharge hypon any suche payment or receipt of the sayde Subsidie, or any part thereof, to be geuen and deliuered, but onely foure pence, and that to the Clarke for the wytyng of euery of the same acquittance or discharge for euery of the same paymentes.

Item, your graces sayd Prelates and Cleargie also doo graunt, that euery Priest, and all other Ecclesiasticall persons, hauing any pension payable by your Maiestie, your heyres or successours, by reason of the dissolution of the late Monasteries, Colledges, free Chappels, Chantryes, Fraternities, Guildes, and Hospitals, or of any other spirituall dignitie or corporation now dissolved within the sayde province of Canterburie, shall likewyse pay to your highnesse, your heyres and successours, vi. s. of euery pound of the

saide pention, within the saide three yeeres, at such dayes & tymes as are befoze specified. And that for the sure payment thereof, deduction and retention of the saide. vi. s. shalbe made secretly in the handes of the payers of the saide pentions, after the rate and portion of ii. s. the pound euery of the sayd three yeeres, to be accomplished for, and answered to your Maiesties vse by your highnesse receyvers and officers deputed for payment of such pentions, in their severall accomptes, within the whiche, allowance shalbe given them for the payment of any suche pentions, liable to the severall paymentes of the saide Subsidie.

Item, your saide Prelates and Cleargie doo graunt, that euery Priest or Minister stipendarie, receyving an annall stipende, being no perpetuittie of eyght pound or aboue, within the sayde Province, shal pay vnto the vse of your highnesse, your heires, and successours. vi. s. and viii. d. in euery of the saide three yeeres, at suche time, and to suche persons, as the sayde Subsidie shalbe payde. And for default of payment of the saide stipendaries, that euery Parson, Vicar, or other spirituall or temporal person, proprietarie, or farmer, hying any Priest or Minister, to serue in any place, shalbe answerable and charged for and with the payment of the saide. vi. s. viii. d. for the saide Priest or Minister, euery of the sayde three yeeres, and shal and may make retention of his and their wages quarterly, of so much as the sayd stipendaries be charged with by this present graunt, euery of the sayd three yeeres.

Item, your said Prelates and Cleargie doo graunt, that euery Archbysshop & Bysshop, and the sea being boyde, euery Deane and Chapter of that sea boyde, shalbe Collectours of this Subsidie within their proper Dioces, during the saide three yeeres, other then of the pentioners aforesaide. And the sayde Archbysshop, Bysshop, or the sea being boyde, the Deane and Chapter, shall certifie into your Maiesties Court of Exchequer, vnder their scales, the names and surnames of all such stipendarie Priests & Ministers within their dioces, as be chargeable by this acte, at or befoze the said. xxiij. day of Januarie, yearly during the sayd three yeeres.

And your said Prelates and Cleargie doo most humbly beseech your Maiestie, that it may be enacted by your Maiestie, and your high court of Parliament for the speedie payment of the sayd Subsidie, and to auoide delays therof that when and as often as any Collectour or Collectours chargeable with the collection of the Subsidie, or of any part thereof, or the deputie or deputies of any of them, shall offer the payment thereof, or of any part thereof, to the vse of your Maiestie, your heires or successours, to any person or persons, appoynted to receiue the same by your highnesse, or by the saide Lorde high Treasurer, or vnder Treasurer; that the
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sayd person or persons, so appoynted, that within foure dayes next after suche appoyntment, receipte, or cause to be receiued, the money to offered to be payde, without any further delay: and shall deliver one sufficient bill, testifying the receipt thereof, to the sayde Collectour or his deputies, upon every suche particular payment. And that every suche Auditour as is or shall be appoynted to take or receive the account of any such Collectour or Collectours, shall within fixe dayes next after request to him to be made, truely and indifferently take the sayde account, and make allowance, as by this grant is appoynted, upon paine that every suche person and persons, appoynted to receive the summe or summes so offered, and every such Auditour, shall lose and forfeite for every default or delay to be made to the sayde Collectour or Collectours, so offering to make payment or account, as is aforesaide, the summe of x. li. of lawfull money of Englande: the one moytie thereof to be to your Maiestie, your heires, and successours, and the other moytie to the sayde Collectour or Collectours so greued, the same to be payde upon complaint made to the Lord Treasourer, vnder Treasourer, or to the Lorde cheefe Baron of your Maiesties Court of Exchequer, who bypon suche complaint, shall presently examine the matter, and fynding default, shall commit the offender to warde, there to remaine untill he shall haue payde the sayde seuerall summes so forfeited.

And for the better leuying and recovering of the said Subsidie; your said Prelates and Cleargie doo like wyle most humbly besech your highnesse, that it may be enacted by your Maiestie, and your said high court of Parliament, in maner and fourme folowynge. That is to say, that every Collectour of the sayde Subsidie, and of every part and parcel thereof, and their lawfull deputie or deputies, may haue full power & auctoritie, to ble al such wayes & meanes, and processe, as be prescribed in the acte of perpetuall disme, for the collection & leuying of the same, and may make account thereof, before the Lorde high treasurer or vnder Treasourer of Englande for the tyme being, or any other officer by your highnesse, or your Court of Exchequer to be appoynted for the same, & in such place as your Maiestie like wyle shall assigne, in such wyle, & after such fourme only, as the said Archbishops and Bishops be now charged to make account for the said perpetuall disme or tenth: whereby is meant, that the lacke & default of payment of & for any particular promotion or promotions, shall only charge the Incumbent or Incumbents, and such other as be bound to pay the same. And that the Archbishop, Bishop, Deane and Chapter, gathering that which they can receyue, and making payment thereof, shall for the rest not by them receyued, be discharged by their certi-

licate to be made at or before the. xxiij. day of Januarie, in euery of the sayde three yeeres. vnto your highnesse Courte of Exchequer: And that six pence of euery pounce, where with the Collectour shalbe charged in his accompt, clearly to be payd into the receipt of your Maesties Exchequer, or into suche other place as shall please your highnesse to appoynt, shalbe allowed to the sayde Collectour byppon his accompt for the same in euery of the sayde three yeeres, for the charges of collection, portage, safe conueying, and paying of the sayde Subsidie.

And moreover, that it may be enacted lyke wyse, that after any payment of the sayde subsidie shalbe once due by vertue of this graunt in any of the sayde three yeeres, yf any Incumbent of any benefyce or promotion spirituall, charged to the payment of the same subsidie, beyng at any tyme, after that the same payment shalbe due, lawfully monished, eyther personally, or by his Dignitie, Stall, Churche, or Mansion house, by the Archbyschop or Byschop of the Dioces, or his deputie or deputies, or the Deane and Chapter, the Sea beyng boorde, or by any their deputie or deputies auithorized in that behalfe, to appeare by him selfe or his deputie, at a certayne day or place of conuenient distance, to the sayde incumbent then to be signified and presyred, and then and there to paye suche parte of the sayde Subsidie, for his benefyce or promotion spirituall, as then by vertue of this graunt shalbe due: doo not eyther at the same day and place so to him signified and presyred, truly content and paye, or cause to be contented and payde, the same parte of the sayde Subsidie, which then by him shalbe due to be payde, vnto the same Archbyschop, or Byschop, or to his deputie or deputies, or to the Deane and Chapter of any Sea being boorde, or to their deputie or deputies, or to one of them, shewing sufficient deputation from the sayd Archbyschop, Byschop, or Deane and Chapter, vnder his or their Seale in that behalfe, beyng redy at the same day and place so signified and presyred, to receyue any payment of the sayde Subsidie then due, and openly demanding the same, or els paye the same within fourtie dayes next after any suche presyred day at the firstest (so that open demaunde be made of the sayde Subsidie, in, and at the sayde place and day before presyred:) that then euery Incumbent so making default of payment, of his part of the sayde Subsidie, in any of the sayde three yeeres, after suche defaulte thereof certified into your Maesties Exchequer in wytyng, vnder the seale and hande wytyng of anye Archbyschop, or Byschop, or the common seale of the Deane and Chapter, the Sea beyng boorde, charged with the collection of the same Subsidie, so that the sayd certificate shalbe made accordyng to the fourme hereafter expressed,

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expressed, and exhibited into your Maiesties sayde court of Exchequer, at or before the xxiii. day of Januarie, in euery of the sayde three peeres, shall forfeite and lose to your Maiestie, your heires or successours, all the profites whiche of that onely dignitie, benefice, and promotion, for the which he maketh suche default of payment, and whereof such certificate shalbe made, shall come, grow, or arysse (ouer and aboue the charges of setting of the cure) in one whole peere next after suche certificate made and deliuered into your highnesse courte of the Exchequer, and there admitted, in case the same Incumbent shall so long liue: and that euery certificate of any such default of payment, shalbe made accordyng to the tenor and effect ensuing, mutatis mutandis.

Honorabilibus & egregijs viris, domino Thesauro, & Baronibus de Scaccario illustrissimę dominę nostrę, dominę Elizabethę, dei gratia, Anglię, Francię, & Hibernię Reginę, fidei defensor. &c. vester humilis, E. permissione diuina L. Episcopus, auctoritate, & vigore cuiusdam actus Parliamenti, anno regni dictę dominę Reginę xviii. editi, & prouisi, ad colligendum & leuandum subsidium eidę dominę Reginę, in eodem parlamento per prelatos & Clerum Cantuariensis prouincie concessum: videlicet, pro prima solutione inde soluenda secundo die Octobris, vltimo preterito, infra diocesin nostram, L. deputatus, & auctorizatus omnimodam reuerentiam, tantis viris debitam cum honore. Vestris reuerentiis harum serie annuntio, & certifico me prefatum Episcopum, modo quo prefertur, deputatum, & auctorizatum sufficienter, & cum omni diligentia requisisse per N. O. deputatum meum in hac parte, de quocunque beneficio, & promotione Ecclesiastica, in quadam schedula presentibus annexa specificatis, summas dicti subsidii predictis beneficiis, & promotionibus debitas, pro prima solutione dicti subsidii debiti soluendi dicto secundo die Octobris, vltimo preterito, prout in eadem schedula presentibus annexa plenius liquet, & apparet. Sed dictas summas ex causis in eadem schedula allegatis, recipere non potui. In cuius testimonium, sigillum meum presentibus apponi feci. Datum die Anno domini millesimo, quingentesimo, septuagesimo sexto. *The Court of which scheweth aboue mentioned ensueth.* Civitas L. vel Decanatus de. H. A. B. Rector, vel Vicarius ibidem monitus fuit apud predict. die ultimo preterito per N. O. deputatum meum, ad soluendum apud ecclesiam de L. in comitatu E. die proxima sequente, in an partem subsidii per ipsum debitam secundo die Octobris, vltimo preterito, pro promotione sua predicta. Sed predictus A. B. nec apud Ecclesiam de L. predicta, eodę

die nec alibi per quadraginta dies postea summam per ipsam debitam (vt præfertur) soluit, vel satisfecit: neque dictam summam de proficuis dictæ promotionis, nec de bonis, & catallis dicti. A. B. aliquo modo leuare, siue recipere potui.

Provided alwayes, that yf any person or Incumbent charged by this act or graunt to any payment of this Subsidie, shal profer or tender payment of any summe due to þ Archbysshop, or Bysshop, or to the Deane & Chapter where the Sea is bord, or to any deputie or deputies of any Archbysshop, Bysshop, or Deane & Chapter aforesaide, at any time before the certificate exhibited into the Exchequer, as is aforesaide: that then notwithstanding the certificat made as is aforesaid, against any such person, the said Incumbent or person, agaynst whom the certificate was so made, shal and may avert the offer or tender of his payment, as is aforesaide. And if the same shalbe tryed, eyther by sufficient witnesse before the Lord Tresourer, or Barons of the Exchequer, or by the tryal of twelve men, vpon any issue there vpon to be ioyned betwixt the same Incumbent, or any other person or persons, that he or any for him do offer or tender þ payment of the summe due, as is aforesaide: That the euery such Incumbent shal haue and enioy his promotion or promotiõs stil, without forfeiting or losing to your Maiestie, your heires, or successours, any of the profites thereof, and as though no certificate or default of such payment had been made or exhibited: any thing in this graunt or act to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And further, that it may be enacted likewise, that euery Archbysshop, and Bysshop, and Deane & Chapter of euery Sea vacant, and other persons chargeable to a with the collection of the laide Subsidie of sixe shillings the pound, within the sayd prouince of Canturburie, shal and may haue vpon euery payment of the same Subsidie, made to the Lorde high Tresourer, or vnder Tresourer of England for þ time being, or to such other person or persons, in place and places, to whom and where it shal please your highnesse or your Court of Exchequer to appoint for the receipt thereof, in euery of the laide three peeres, a sufficient acquittance, discharge, or quietus est in wytyng, of the said Lorde high Tresourer, or vnder Tresourer, or of such other person or persons, as eyther your highnesse, or your sayd Court of Exchequer shal assigne for the receipt therof, or as heretofore in the like causes it hath been accustomed: the same acquittance, discharge, or quietus est, witnesssing the receipt of as much of the same summe of the laide Subsidie as shalbe so receiued.

And that euery acquittance, discharge, or quietus est, in wytyng, sealed or subscribed with the name or names of the sayde Lorde high Tresourer, or vnder Tresourer, for the tyme being,

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of suche Auditour, or other person or persons, as it shall please your highnesse, or your saide Court of Exchequer to appoynt for the same receipte, or of suche others as heretofore in like cases it hath been vsed, shall and may be good and effectuell in the lawe, and be also as sufficient discharge to all and euery of the saide Collectours, to al intentes, constructions, and purposes, as yf the same were made by act of Parliament.

And that euery of the saide Collectours shall pay but onely three shillinges and foure pence for euery generall and finall acquittance, discharge, or quietus est, for euery yeeres payment of the said Subsidie. And also that euery particuler acquittance, whiche bypon payment of any part of the sayd Subsidie shall be made by any Collectour or Collectours of the same Subsidie, or of any payment thereof, or by his or their deputie or deputies in that behalfe, to any Incumbent of any benefice or promotion spirituall, or to any other person or persons contributaries and chargeable to and with the same Subsidie, or any part or payment thereof, shall be good and effectuell in the lawe, and a full and sufficient discharge to euery such Incumbent, and other person, and his benefice or promotion spirituall, of and for all such summe or summes of money, as by the same acquittance shall be acknowledged to be receiued, in respect of the same benefice or promotion spirituall, for any payment, or part of the same subsidie. And that none acquittance of any other person or persons, made before suche certificate, shall in any wise discharge any person or promotion for any part of this Subsidie, nor any payne, penaltie, or forfaiture, specified in this graunt.

And to the intent it may be knowen to the Court of Exchequer, who be the deputie or deputies of euery such Archbishop, Bishop, Deane and Chapter, able to make acquittance: Euery Archbyschop, Bishop, and Deane and Chapter of any Sea being boorde, shall yeerely with the certificate of þ names of stipendarie priestes, certifie the name and names of euery the deputies to be appointed as is aforesayde.

And provided alwayes, that no spirituall promotions, or any lands, possessions, or reuenues annexed to the same, being charged by this graunt of the prouince of Canterburie, or any goodes or catells, growing, being, or remeing vpon the same, or els where, apartying to the owners of the sayde spirituall promotions, or to any of them, shall be charged or made contributarie to any fifteene or tenth, or any other Subsidie alreadie graunted to your highnesse by the laitie, or hereafter to be graunted, during þ terme of the sayde three yeeres.

And provided also, that all Deanes, Archdeacons, dignities, masters, wardens, and Prebendaries, of all Cathedral and Collegiat Churches,

Churches, and Colledges, or any of them, within the sayde province, shalbe charged with this Subsidie for those possessions, revenues, and portions onely, whiche to their severall promotions, dignities, and roomes, are clearely and distinctly limited, and to their only uses severed, thereof to pay (the tenth part being deducted) vi. s. of every pound, within the sayde three peeres, in maner and fourme as is aboue rehearsed. And that all those rentes, possessions, profits, portions, hereditamentes, and spirituall promotions, and every of them, heretofore by your highnesse, or any your Maiesties noble progenitours, or any other person or persons whatsoeuer, given, graunted, bequeathed, demised, or impropried vnto the sayde Cathedral or Collegiat Churches or Colledges, or to any of them, which any wayes be assigned, imployed, or used, either for or towards y^e p^retty maintenance of poore men, Scholers, maisters, vicars, Gramarians, Peticanons, Conductes, vicars, Choral readers of divinitie, singyng men, Choristers, vergers, or of any other necessarie and dayly officers or ministers in suche Cathedral or Collegiat Churches or Colledges, or any of them, or for or towards the redifying or repaying of any of the same Cathedral or Collegiat Churches or Colledges, shall not be charged with any part of this Subsidie. The certayntie of whiche portions, as well chargeable to this Subsidie, as not chargeable in this behalfe, the Archbyshop or Bysshop of the dioces, or the Sea beyng voyde the Deane and Chapter, upon due searche and examination, shall certifie vnder his or their Seale, into your hyghnesse sayd Court of Exchequer, at or before the sayde. xliiij. day of Januarie, in every of the sayde three peeres.

Provided alwayes, that every Parson, vicar, or other spiritual person, paying any pension, whereof no allowance is made in the valuation of his promotion or benefice: shall and may retayne ii. s. of every pound, of every suche pension every yeere during the sayd three peeres, to his owne releefe, in consyderation that he is charged to pay this subsidie of. vi. s. the pound out of every pound of the whole value of his promotion: any covenant, graunt, or bond to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided also, and your sayde Prelates and Cleargie doo most humbly beseeche your hyghnesse, that it may be enacted by your Maiesties authoritie, and your high court of Parliament, that where certayne landes, tenementes, rentes, spirituall promotions, other pensions, portions, frutes, and other hereditamentes, lately belonging to divers Cathedral Churches, and to other places and persons Ecclesiasticall within the sayde Province of Canteburie, whiche were given and assigned to be bestowed and spent in and on the finding and mainteyning of certayne Chauntries, Anniversaries,

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And vicarages, oblates, lightes, lampes, and other like charges, intentes & purposes, of late came into the hands & possession of the late king of famous memorie Edward the vi. by force of a statute thereof made in the xiiij. yeere of his late reign, as by the said statute more plainly appeareth: That the said Cathedral Churches, and the Bishops, Deanes, or Prelates, and Chaplains, and Prebendaries of the same, and al other places and persons Ecclesiasticall, or any of them, to whom the said landes, rentes, and other the premises, or any of them, did lately apparterne: shall not during the said thir. yeeres, be charged to and with any payment of Subsidie, of or for that part or portion of landes, tenementes, rentes, spirituall promotions, and other hereditamentes, or any of them, wherein the said king by force of the said statute was entituled or possessed of: nor of or for any yeerely rentes or payment going out, or due to be payde unto your Maestie out of the premises, nor any part thereof: but only of and for al and singuler landes, tenementes, rentes, spirituall promotions, tithes, pensions, portions, frutes, and other hereditamentes, which doe yet stil remaine not disseuered from the handes and possessions of the said Cathedral Churches, and other the places and persons Ecclesiasticall aforesayd. And that deduction & allowance thereof be made to them, and euery of them accordingly, in and vpon euery payment of this said Subsidie, out of the whole value, taxation, and estimation, made for the paiement of the said perpetual disme or tenth, remaining of recorde in your highnesse court of Exchequer, for that rate and portion of landes, tenementes, rentes, spirituall promotions, and other hereditamentes, and those yeerely paymentes, wherby to the said late king was entituled or possessed of, or which liethens the making of the said statute, by reason that they haue ben found as landes, tenementes, rentes, tithes, and other hereditamentes, concealed from p. said late king Edward the vi. the late king Henry the viii. the late Queene Marie, or any of them, or from your Maestie, or other wyse are seuered from the possessions of the said Cathedral Churches, and other places and persons aforesayd, or of any of them, by force of the statute premised, or any other wyse. Provided also, that this subsidie graunted by the Cleargie, shall not be demaunded or leuied out of any benefice, house of students, or Colledge, situate or set within either of the vniuersities of Oxford or Cambridge, or any benefice, landes, or other reuenues vnto p. said vniuersities, or either of them, or to any house of students or Colledge in any of the same vniuersities, vntied, appropriated, or apparternyng, or out of any benefice, landes, or reuenues, of p. Colledges of Windsor, or Eaton nigh Windsor, or of p. Colledge called I. Maries Colledge by Winchester, founded by William Wykeham, sometime

some tyme bishop of Winchester, or of any hospitals, almes houses, or Grammar Schooles, or of any Church, benefice, or other revenues to the sayde Colledges, Hospitalles, Almes houses, Almes halles, or Grammar Schooles, or to any of them, annexed, appropriated, or other wise apperteyning.

Provided alwaies, that al Parsons, vicars, & other Ecclesiastical persons, whose benefices are not above vi. li. xiii. s. and iiii. d. by yeere, after the taxation aforesayde, shall not be charged with this subsidie, or any part thereof.

Provided also, that every vicar whose benefice is viii. li. or above, and not above. x. li. by yeere, after the taxation aforesaid, shall pay every yeere of the sayde three yeeres, onely vi. s. viiii. d. for his part of the sayd Subsidie, as stipendarie priests be charged to pay by force of this graunt, and not other wise: and yf it be vnder viii. li. he shall not be charged with any part of the said Subsidie.

Provided also, that every priest, & al other Ecclesiastical or late religious persons, having a pension by reason of the dissolution of late Monasteries, Colledges, free Chappels, Chauntries, & arternities, Guildes, & Hospitals, or any other incorporation, within the province of Canterbury, or any of them, & being of the sum of iiii. li. or vnder, & not above, shall not be charged or chargeable for any suche pension: any thing contained in this graunt to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And for the sure and true payment of this subsidie, graunted by your sayd Prelates & Cleargie of the province of Canterbury, according to the tenor, purport, effect, and true meaning of this present graunt: Your sayde Prelates & Cleargie most humbly desyre your highnesse, that this their sayd gift, graunt, & subsidie, & every matter, sum of money, petition, clause, provisions, & sentences in this instrument conteyned, concerning the said subsidie, may be ratified, established, & confirmed, by the auctoritie of your highnesse court of Parliament. Therefore for the true and sure payment of the sayd subsidie, graunted by the said Prelates & Cleargie of the sayd province of Canterbury, according to the tenor, effect, and true meaning of the sayde instrument: be it enacted by the Queenes Maestie, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons of this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the sayd gift and graunt, and every matter, summe of money, petition, provision, clause, and sentence in the same instrument conteyned, shall stand and be ratified, established, and confirmed by the auctoritie of this present Parliament.

And further be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that every person that shall be appoynted to the collection and gathering

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ving of the saide Subsidie, shall haue full power and auctoritie, to leuie, take, and perceiue the same Subsidie, by the auctoritie of the Censures of the Church: that is to say, by suspension, excommunication, or interdiction, & also by sequestration of the fruites and profites of their benefices and promotions spiritual, in whose handes so euer they be, and to make sale of the same fruites, without daunger of the lawes of this Realme, or by distresse bypon the possessions of the fermours or occupiers of the landes and tenementes chargeable by the said instrumentes, for or to the paiement of any summe or summes of money to be due by force thereof; or otherwyle, by the discretion of the Collectour thereof. And that no repleuie, prohibition, or superdedias shalbe allowed or obeyed for any person or persons, making default of the paiement of the sayd Subsidie, contrary to the tenor of the graunt thereof, vntyll such time as they haue truely satisfied and contented all such part and portions, as to them in that behalfe apparteyneth. And that euery such fermour & fermours, their executours and assignes, that shall fortune hereafter to be charged to and with the paiement of the sayd Subsidie, or any part thereof, shal by the auctoritie aforesaid, be allowed & retaine in his handes, as much of his peerely rent and farme, as the summe which he shal fortune to pay for his Lord or Leassour, shall extend vnto, except þ said fermour or fermours, their executours and assignes, by the lease & graunt that they haue of any part of the landes, tythes, profites, tenementes, chargeable to the saide Subsidie, or by force of any coueniant or article therein contained, to be bound and charged to pay the same, and thereof to discharge the Leassour and Landlorde, duryng the tearme mentioned in the sayde lease.

And likewise be it enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that whereas diuers Curates liable to this Subsidie, being oftentimes remouable, doe serue as well in diuers impropriations belonging to the Queenes Maiestie, as in other spiritual promotions belonging to other persons, that for the speedie recouerie of the sayd Subsidie, it may be lawful to the Collectour or Collectours of the saide Subsidie, their deputie or deputies, to leuie the sayde Subsidie bypon the fermour or fermours, or occupiers of al suche impropriations, and spirituall promotions, by all censures of the Church aforesaid, and euery of them, or by way of distresse of tythes of the said impropriation or impropriations, and spirituall promotions, or otherwyle bypon the goodes and cattels of the said fermour or fermours, and occupiers, in which case no inhibition, prohibition, repleuie, or other procelle awarded to the contrary, shalbe obeyed: any lawes, statutes, priuiledges, or customs, to the contrary hereof, heretofore made, graunted, or vled,

or hereafter to be made, graunted, or bled to the contrary, in any wyle not withstanding.

And that it may be lawfull to the Collectours, and the Officers and ministers of such Archbyshop, Bishop, and Deane and Chapter, for not payment of the sayde Subsidie, after the same shall be due in any of the sayde three yeeres, to prayse and value the sayde distresse or distresses by two indifferent neyghbours by him to be chosen, and the distresse or distresses so praysed, to sell, and thereof to deteyne so muche money as shall amount to the summe payable to the Queenes Maiestie, with the reasonable charges also of the sayde Collectour susteyned in that behalfe, and the rest of the money made of the sayde distresse, to be deliuered and paid to the owner and occupier thereof.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that every lay person, having spirituall promotion chargeable by this acte, and also having temporall possessions, goodes, catels, and debtes, chargeable to the sayd Subsidie graunted in this Parliament by the Temporaltie, shalbe taxed, charged, and set for his said spirituall promotions with the Cleargie, and for his temporall possessions and chattels real with the temporaltie, and not otherwyle: any thing before mentioned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that all and every graunt and graunties, of al and every summe & summes of money, whiche hereafter shalbe graunted to the Queenes Maiestie by the Cleargie of the province of Yorke, shalbe of the same strength, force, and effect in all thinges, as the sayde graunt made by the sayde province of Canturburie: and shalbe taxed, certified, collected, levied, gathered, & paid, according to the tenor, fourme, and effect of this present acte of Parliament, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, in such maner and fourme, as though it were specially, plainly, and particularly expressed and rehearsed in this acte by expresse wordes, termes, and sentences, in theyr severall natures and kindes.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that all provisions before rehearsed, conteyned in the sayde graunt of the Prelates and cleargie of the province of Canturburie, and the lyke of the same provisions hereafter to be conteyned in the graunt of the Prelates and Cleargie of the province of Yorke, shalbe good and effectuell, and to be observed and kept in every point and article, according to the true purport and meaning of the same.

God save the Queene.

